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ATTEMPT TO SHOOT GOVERNOR.

Dastardly Crime by Unknown Student.

SITUATION IN INDIA.

Lahore, Yesterday.
The Governor, Sir Geoffrey de Montmorency, went straight to bed without lunch, but is progressing satisfactorily. The names of the student assailants are unknown. One Hindu who received a degree to-day had a donkey procession arranged in order to ridicule the users of foreign cloth, but this has now been abandoned.

Student Arrested.

The attempt on the life of Sir Geoffrey de Montmorency occurred in spite of all precautions. Admission to the University Hall was regulated by permits and special police arrangements were made. The shots came from a block of seats occupied by the students. The police arrested one student while he was actually firing and seized a revolver, a knife, and cartridges in his possession.

Prisoner Released.

Allahabad, Yesterday.
The Government of India has ordered the unconditional release of Pandit Mohan Malaviya, who some time ago was removed to hospital from Naini Jail, owing to illness.

Ordinance Changes.

New Delhi, Yesterday.
The Viceroy, Lord Irwin, has issued an ordinance renewing the subject of certain changes in the Press Ordinances, and also the authorised News Sheets and Newspapers Ordinance, both of which recently expired. The Viceroy has also promulgated an Ordinance concerning non-payment of liabilities, including taxes.

Premier's Appeal.

London, Yesterday.
Strong appeals to the minorities of India to settle their differences was made by Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, presiding at a meeting of the minorities sub-committee at the Round Table Conference to-day, also by the only two women delegates, Mrs. Subbarayan (a Hindu) and the Begum of Shah-nawaz (a Moslem).
Mr. MacDonald said: "It is no good your starting a working Indian constitution and asking any outside authority to settle one of the essential conditions of a successful working constitution. Therefore I hope you will bend all your energies to creating an atmosphere of goodwill and progress."

Racial Dispute.

To-day was the first time that the vexed-question of Hindu and Moslem differences have come within official cognisance at the Round Table Conference, whose progress has so far been delayed by the failure of the two communities in private meetings to settle the dispute. Both at the Conference have said that they want full self-government, but they are at variance on the question of the continuance of separate electorates, which the Moslems now have.—Reuter.

Plea For Agreement.

In order to keep in touch with the affairs of the Indian Round Table Conference the Prime Minister has abandoned his usual Christmas visit to Loughborough and will remain at Chequers. He has arranged a Conference with officials and expert advisers for Saturday and Sunday next. The Minorities Committee of the Round Table Conference held its first meeting this morning. The Prime Minister presiding. Mr. MacDonald said that the settlement of the minorities question was essential to the political progress of India, and that was not only the British view but that shared, he was sure, by every enlightened Indian, irrespective of his community or special interests. It was a question, moreover, which ought to be settled by the Indian representatives among themselves. It would be no good Indian feeling wronged by a settlement and then asking an outside authority to settle one of the essential conditions of a successful working constitution. Therefore I hope you will bend all your energies to creating an atmosphere of goodwill and progress."

SANITARY BOARD PERMITS.

Architect Enters a Protest.

AN UNUSUAL CASE.

A strenuous protest on behalf of his client was entered by Mr. J. S. Gibson, architect, at the meeting of the Sanitary Board. The protest arose through an application for installation of water closets at 2 and 4 Sing Woo Road, being refused.

Mr. Gibson said that an original application for four water closets had been approved, but later the owner decided to put in only two. He did not think it incumbent upon him to advise the board of the fact.

Mr. Lo replied that the change should have been notified, as circumstances might arise over the change which would call for consideration by the Select Committee.

Mr. Gibson asked that a ruling might be made for his future guidance.

An application for an eating house licence at 32, Sai Street, was refused, and some discussion ensued over the application for a similar licence at 95, Wing Lok Street. Mr. Lo said the original application was refused. Improvements had since been made, and he thought the matter might be reconsidered. The meeting decided to ask the Select Committee to go into the matter again.

side authority to settle one of the essential conditions of its working. The Chairman concluded by asking the delegates in stating their cases and making suggestions to bend all their energies to creating an atmosphere of goodwill and progress.

The Women's View.
The Indian women delegates, the Begum Shan Nawaz and Mrs. Sabbarayan, intervened with an eloquent appeal to Hindu and Muslim Representatives to settle their differences. The Begum said that the time for solid constructive work had arrived. When were they going to settle the minority differences if not now, when they had come 7,000 miles at a tremendous sacrifice for the sake of their country with the object of becoming masters in their own home. Was it wise that they should remain divided in their ranks? She begged her Hindu brethren and her Muslim brothers to think that the success of all their mission lay in Hindu-Muslim unity and she asked Hindus to be generous and Muslims not to be exacting.

Speaking for the women of India, the Begum said, "As sisters, we expect of you, as daughters, we beg of you, and as mothers we demand of you to come to a settlement now."
Mrs. Sabbarayan supported this appeal out of an earnest desire that India should become a united nation.
"All Indians."
She said "Whatever our creed we are all Indians and it is to our common citizenship in the future that we must turn our hearts. If safeguards are necessary now they should be such as will not hinder the development of common Indian citizenship and to every project let us apply the principle, will it make or mar progress towards Indian nationhood?" She hoped that with the help of their Chairman, Mr. MacDonald, and of the whole British delegation, this most thorny question would be settled so that in future India might find peace, happiness and contentment. A general preliminary discussion followed and the committee adjourned until after Christmas.

Attack On Governor.
When leaving the University Convocation at Lahore this afternoon Sir Geoffrey de Montmorency, Governor of the Punjab, was wounded by two revolver shots fired at close quarters by a young Indian. One bullet struck the Governor in the left arm. Another grazed his back. The third struck Sub-Inspector of Police Chazan Singh, whose condition is serious. The Governor returned to Government House after having the wounds dressed at the hospital. He is reported to be progressing satisfactorily. Two arrests have been made.

BANK SENSATION IN NEW YORK.

Depositors Driven Back by Armed Police.

FALSE INFORMATION.

New York, Yesterday.
Amid the continuing crop of bank failures throughout the country, a major sensation has been caused by the closing of Chelsea Bank and Trust Company, New York City. The Bank was a small institution, mainly patronised by theatrical folk, and had deposits estimated at \$18,000,000. A crowd of 300 depositors tried to storm the Bank's Bronx branch when the closing notice was exhibited, only to be repelled by a dozen policemen, flourishing revolvers who, as a precaution, were sent to the spot.

Disturbing rumours regarding the Bank are alleged to have been spread anonymously by telephone. Two men are in custody for circulating false information.

Further Closings.
The stream of Bank closings continues. The City Bank of Miami Beach failed to open following yesterday's run on the City National Bank of Miami. Two small banks in Hartford and Connecticut have also closed.—Reuter's American Service.

BANK RATE.
REDUCED IN NEW YORK TO TWO PER CENT.
LOWEST ON RECORD.

New York, Yesterday.
New York Federal Reserve Bank has reduced its rediscount rate to two per cent., the lowest on record. This compares with three per cent. for Boston and 3½ per cent. for all other Federal Reserve Banks.—Reuter's American Service.

PRIEST'S FATE.
TERRIBLE DEATH AT HANDS OF REDS.

Shanghai, Yesterday.
That Christian martyrdom is still existent is evidenced by the story of the terrible death of Father Marcus Ho at the hands of Communists in the mountainous district of South-east Hupeh. Father Marcus, who was driven out of his parish in November, returned with the intention of rescuing vestments and sacred vessels. On his arrival at the mission station Communists seized and stripped him, beat him terribly, blinded him with lime, and then led him away for a short distance. They tied a rope around his neck and slowly strangled him. He was buried without a coffin.—Reuter.

LONDON FOG.
CLEARS AFTER THREE DAYS VISITATION.

Eugby, Yesterday.
To-day the fog which has overhung London and the suburbs for three days cleared, after causing trouble and delay to incoming workers in the morning. By the late afternoon traffic conditions were normal, but local mist at Croydon prevented the arrival or departure of air liners.—British Wireless Service.

Bright Sunshine.
In parts of the London area the fog last night became thicker than for many years. The fog continued to-day, giving place to light rain in some areas.

Similar conditions were experienced in many parts of England, notably the midlands and east coast, although the southern counties and coast experienced bright sunshine throughout yesterday and again to-day.

While vessels are held up in the Thames estuary, visibility is quite good at Southampton and Hull.—British Wireless Service.

AUCKLAND FIRE.
A disastrous fire recently swept the business area of Newmarket, Auckland's busiest suburb, causing damage amounting to many thousands of pounds.

POISON FOG.

DEADLY MIST AGAIN APPEARS IN BELGIUM.

SERIOUS CASES.

Brussels, Yesterday.
The "poison fog" is reported to have reappeared in the stricken districts in the Meuse Valley. One fatality occurred at Tilleur to-day, whilst several serious cases are reported at Flemable and Hermalle Sous Huy.

[The plague is generally believed to be the result of an icy mist playing havoc with weak lungs, as all the victims were either aged and asthmatic or otherwise bronchially affected.]
Escape of Gas.
Later.
It now appears that the death at Tilleur was due to an escape of gas from a cracked pipe. Nevertheless, the authorities are carrying out investigations in the localities affected and taking samples of the atmosphere in sealed tubes.—Reuter.

PHONE TO CANTON.
To Be Installed In Near Future.

Canton, Yesterday.
Since the conclusion of the contract for a long distance telephone service between Canton and Hong Kong, preparations for construction work are under way. According to the information from Hong Kong, all materials in the Hong Kong office are in store ready for use and engineers have been sent to the New Territory to supervise the installation.

As soon as all wires are laid underground up-to-date telephone sets will be installed for service in the British Section by the end of September, next year. Preparations for construction work in the Chinese Section are reported to commence at the not distant future.—Canton News Agency.

MINES DISPUTE.
DANGER OF STOPPAGE NOT YET AVERTED.

WALES DISSATISFIED.

London, Yesterday.
It is announced in the coal districts by a small majority that they had accepted the recommendations of the Miners Conference, accepting a temporary spreader of hours without reduction wages. Mr. A. J. Cook said to-day that the federation was not satisfied with the form of spreader now operating in Scotland and South Wales, and there was still danger of a stoppage in South Wales unless the owners and miners were able to agree before December 31.

Mr. T. Shinnell, Minister of Mines, is going to Scotland to talk both to owners and miners.—Reuter.

PUBLIC WORKS COST.
U.S. EXPENDITURE ESTIMATED AT \$144,800,000.

Washington, Yesterday.
President Hoover announced that the total expenditure of the Federal Government in 1931 on public works will amount to \$144,800,000.—Reuter.

PRINCE RECOVERS.
TO JOIN ROYAL FAMILY FOR XMAS.

London, Yesterday.
H.R.H. the Prince of Wales has recovered from his chill and has left for Sandringham to join the other members of the Royal Family for Christmas.—Reuter.

The "ghostly figure in armour" seen at Covent Garden Opera House at a recent performance in shadow, cast by a stream making his nightly rounds.

CHINESE RAILWAY EXPENSES.

\$6,000,000 from Boxer Indemnity Fund.

COST OF NEW LINE.

Canton, Monday.
The Fatshan-Chungshan Railway line was completely surveyed last Saturday under the supervision of the two experts, Chen Chun-wei and Wu Teh-hui. The length of the line is 71 miles. The expense for construction is estimated at \$12,000,000, of which one half will be paid from the Returned Boxer Indemnity fund, the other half assigned to the responsibility of the inhabitants.

On the line the following stations are proposed to be established: Fatshan, Shekhang, Lungchow, Sinchung, Chanchun, Piekong, Liuchow, Taliang, Yungkee, Siulam, Cheungkok, Shekhi, Changkapin, Taiwan, Namlong, Yalkow, Hsiehchak, and Tongkawan.

The length of bridges is approximately 12,000 feet. One branch line from Siulam passing Kauchow Kinsao to Koochan is suggested to be built to connect the Ning-Yang Railway (Kongmoon-Sunning) the length of the branch line is 5½ miles.—Canton News Agency.

PUBLIC PUZZLED.
MYSTERY OF THE CHRISTIAN GENERAL.

EXPECTED IN TIENTSIN.

Canton, Yesterday.
The whereabouts of Feng Yu-hsiang have become a puzzle to the public. Shih Yu-san has received a wire from General Han Fu-chu, chairman of Shantung, that Feng will reach Tientsin within a few days, and that Shih is requested to afford the proper protection to him. Shih has lost no time in wiring to General Yu Hsueh-chung, garrison commandant of Peking and Tientsin, and Chairman Wang Shu-shang of Hopei, to draw the attention of their troops in order to give due protection to Feng.

Madame Feng Yu-hsiang is reported to have arrived in Tientsin together with a large number of North-western Generals.—Canton News Agency.

WHAT CHINA WANTS.
NO ABOLITION OF FOREIGN RIGHTS.

UNEQUAL TREATIES.

London, Yesterday.
A review of the political outlook in China, submitted to the Manchester Chamber of Commerce by Doctor Kuang-nan Young (the Special Commissioner in Europe of the Chinese Government) has just been issued.

It expresses the opinion that renewal of the treaty on which rests Sino-British relations, which is to expire two years hence, is plainly impossible. Nationalist China, while desirous of abolishing extraterritoriality, does not desire abolition of foreign legitimate interests, property rights and personal safety.

Dr. Young notes with satisfaction the decrease of foreigners in China who have always urged their Governments to a "strong" policy. Discussing China's international status, Dr. Young says what Nationalist China wants is the passing of the unequal treaty regime, but what is even more important is the passing of the fossil mentality, which assures well for the friendly relations between China and the Powers. The reaction caused by the foreign Powers dilly-dallying is vanishing.

China is not all war and banditry. She is getting ahead, and since the "Three Eastern Provinces" (Dr. Young objects to the name Manchuria) have sided with the Central Government, the outlook for peace, stability and commerce is brightening daily.—Reuter.

All the open-top motor-omnibuses in London will be replaced by covered-top vehicles by February, and where the route is suitable six-wheeled omnibuses will be used.

MR. COURTNEIDGE'S MEMOIRS.

Comic "Gags" in Shakespearean Tragedy.

AMUSING STORIES.

There are some good stories in Mr. Robert Courtney's memoirs, "I was an Actor Once" (Hutchinson, 12s. 6d.), for the author began his stage career when actors were very different from what they are at present, both on and off the stage. For instance:
"Billy Hardman, the ingenious comedian of rehearsal, greedy of laughter, cunning to conceal intention, never quite sure if he'd inter-polate at any point, and then at night the sudden, ruthless gagger, respecting neither leading man nor woman, to whom no stage sorrow was sacred; profaning the mighty Hamlet, take off a dozen waistcoats and perform a spade dance by the grave-side."
Public Character.
"How he strutted down the street as the children shouted and the elders grinned. This was a tribute offered to him everywhere and his enemies explained it in this fashion. Billy, as soon as he arrived in town, sought out a group of youngsters at play. Striding into the midst of them he would seize one and cuff him in simulated anger exclaiming: 'You little devil. I'll teach you to call me funny Billy Hardman!'"

"Releasing his victim and walking away, he was instantly followed by every 'urchin' shouting, 'Funny Billy Hardman.' With a little manipulation this soon spread through the town, and Billy became a public character. Like all great ideas it was simple."

But they were hard workers, the actors of the old school. Mr. Courtney used to teach himself to express various emotions by repeating the alphabet or the multiplication tables emotionally!

"One Summer day," he writes, "I stopped by the side of a thick hedge. There was a perfect stillness in the air, not a soul was in sight, and I began my exercise with the multiplication table, laughing and crying to the numbers, growing fierce and tender by turns until, hearing a rustling behind me, I turned around."

Another Bad Moment.
"Everything I had ever been ashamed of might have been compressed into that moment. A number of farm hands men and girls, had been lying behind the hedge and were now standing, looking open-mouthed with astonishment at me. Directly we faced each other what yells, and shouts, and peals of laughter burst out. I turned and fled."

The author had another bad moment when, at the very beginning of his career, he was playing small parts in Richard III. with the great Barry Sullivan. He could not get a suit of armour small enough for him for the last act, so he carefully padded a large one.

Somebody, in the confusion of changing, purloined it, and the dressers at the last moment thrust him into an absurdly large suit. In the dim light the stage manager did not realise what he looked like and thrust him on to the stage without listening to his explanations.

"I walked unsteadily forward," he writes: "I was inside a barrel which swung backward and forward as I moved, a pair of thin legs underneath, my head thrown back, so I might see under the helmet that quite covered my eyes."

"Sullivan was just beginning 'Here pitch we our tents!' when something like a gasp, then a momentary pause, followed by a crash, I heard the well-known voice of exclamation and laughter from 'booming.' 'Where is he? Where is he?'"

The Exit.
"I scarcely heard the laughter, for my ears were covered by the helmet. All my thoughts were concentrated on the fact that I seemed to think it a good joke also, was late. Endeavouring to make for the entrance natural, I came to the stage as Sullivan turned and was saluted. He looked just for a moment in amazement and fury before he turned back."

BANDITS ROUTED OUT OF STRONGHOLD.

Fierce Encounter That Last Four Days.

WOMEN RESCUED.

Canton, Monday.
The bandits' old nest at Tung-koo, in southern Kiangsi, which had been occupied by the Communists as their stronghold for several years, fell into the hands of the Nationalists under Kung Ping-fen on December 19, after a severe encounter, inflicting heavy casualties on both sides. The Communists are now retreating in the direction of Shihlungkiang, being closely pursued by the Government troops. Following the victory, the regulars were able to rescue more than 200 persons, male and female, kidnapped by Reds.

Stronghold Captured.
According to telegraphic advices from Kung Ping-fen, his troops launched on December 16 a general offensive against the Reds in Tungkee from two directions. The bandits' stronghold was captured on December 19 as a result of a fierce engagement lasting four days.

Acting under the instructions of Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, the force under Wang Tung-yuan, Tao Kwang, Chen Kwang-chung, Wang Chin-yueh and Liu Yi are now heading from Pingkiang, Liuyang and Pinghsiang for Tungku and Hsushui in North-west Kiangsi to crush the bandits there.

Rapid Advance.
With the rapid advance of the 6th, 8th, 9th and 19th Route Army, they will be shortly able to join forces with each other in the southern sector of Kiangsi. A joint attack against the Reds in Kwangchang, Ning-tao, and Chengkiang will be launched as soon as they arrive at their designated positions.—Canton News Agency.

VOLCANO HAVOC.
FORTY VILLAGES DESTROYED AND CROPS RUIN.

PLIGHT OF NATIVES.

The Hague, Yesterday.
The latest report from the Governor-General of the Dutch East Indies states that 40 villages have been totally or partially destroyed by lava at the Merapi eruption. Number of other villages have been evacuated, hundreds of head of cattle killed and the crops extensively destroyed.—Reuter.

MURDER CHARGE.

On a charge of the murder of Cheung Man, a stall fook at Western Market, Ng Kin, also a stall fook, made his second appearance before Mr. E. H. Williams at the Central Police Court this morning.

Mr. A. R. Covey appeared for the accused, whilst Mr. T. Murphy, 2nd A.D.C.I., was for the prosecution. Accused was remanded to Tuesday morning.

—then the words like arrows came hissing past my ears—'Go off, go off, sir!'"
"I tottered, undecided. Again a low whisper bit into me. 'Go off, you damned fool.' I understood this time and turned, at the same time trying to lower my arm, but the elbow joints of my armour had stuck, and I had to walk off still saluting! The laughter grew into a yell, and my exit was greeted with a huge burst of applause."

The Beetle.
"In a very little time my armour was torn off and I was dressed. Creeping to the files I peered over the rails to hear what notice would be taken of my exploit."

"When Barry had acknowledged something like a gasp, then a momentary pause, followed by a crash, I heard the well-known voice of exclamation and laughter from 'booming.' 'Where is he? Where is he?'"
"Who? Mr. Sullivan?"
"Who? That young man—the 'beetle'?"
"That made me laugh, and he seemed to think it a good joke also, was late. Endeavouring to make for the entrance natural, I came to the stage as Sullivan turned and was saluted. He looked just for a moment in amazement and fury before he turned back."

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NELLORE	6,853	6th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yama.
TALAMBA	10,000	12th Jan.	Amoy, Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
KASHGAR	9,005	17th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
KHIVA	9,135	25th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
MALWA	10,980	31st Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TANDA	6,959	6th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yama.
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tained.

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Goods have left the Godowns, and all
Goods remaining undelivered after the
25th instant will be subject to
rent.

All claims against the steamer must
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or before the 8th January, 1931, or
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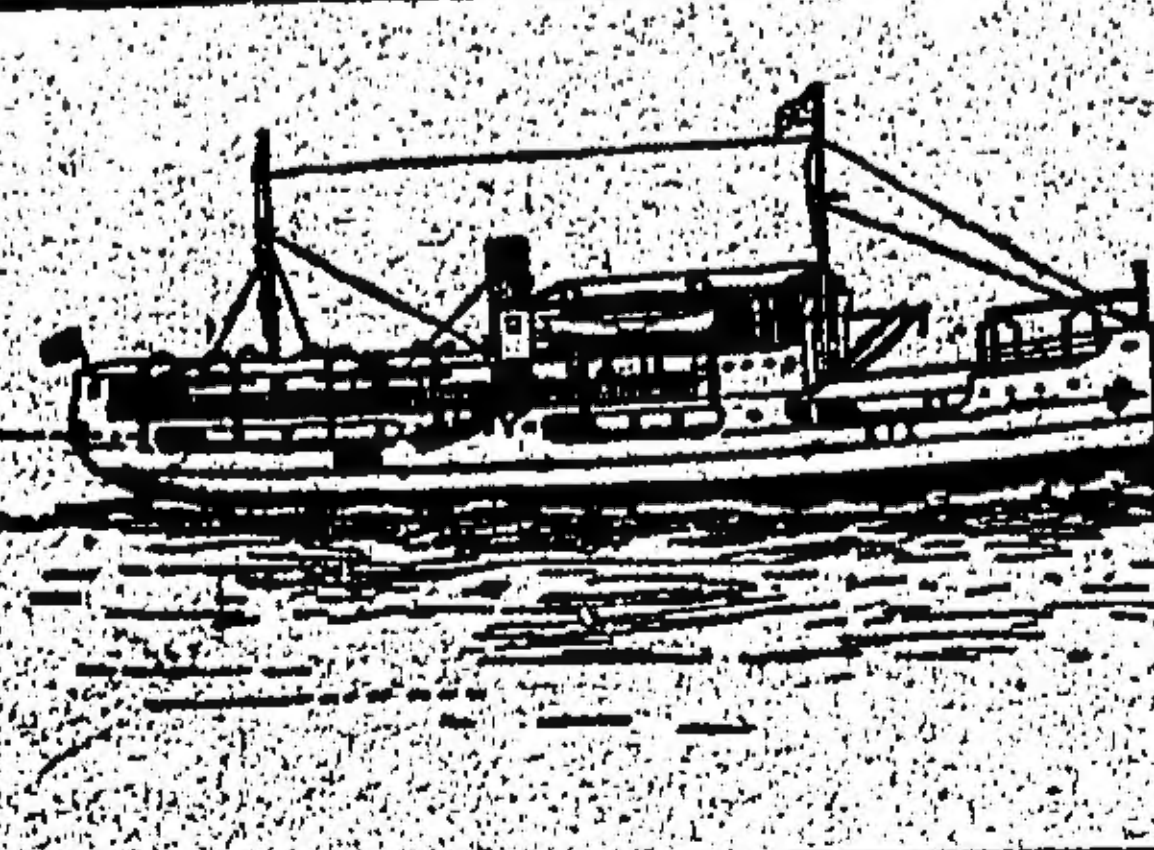
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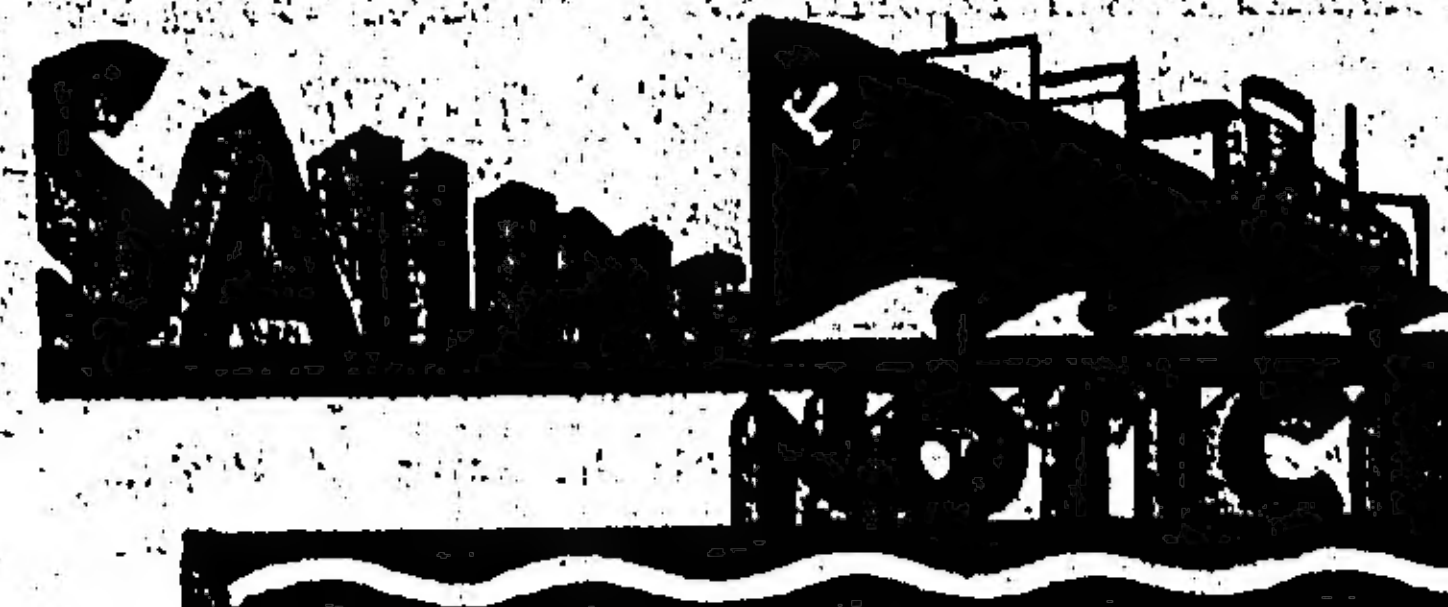


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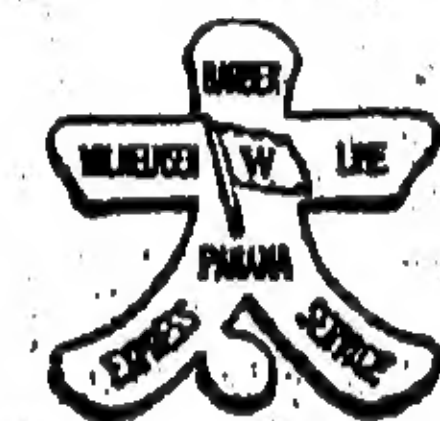
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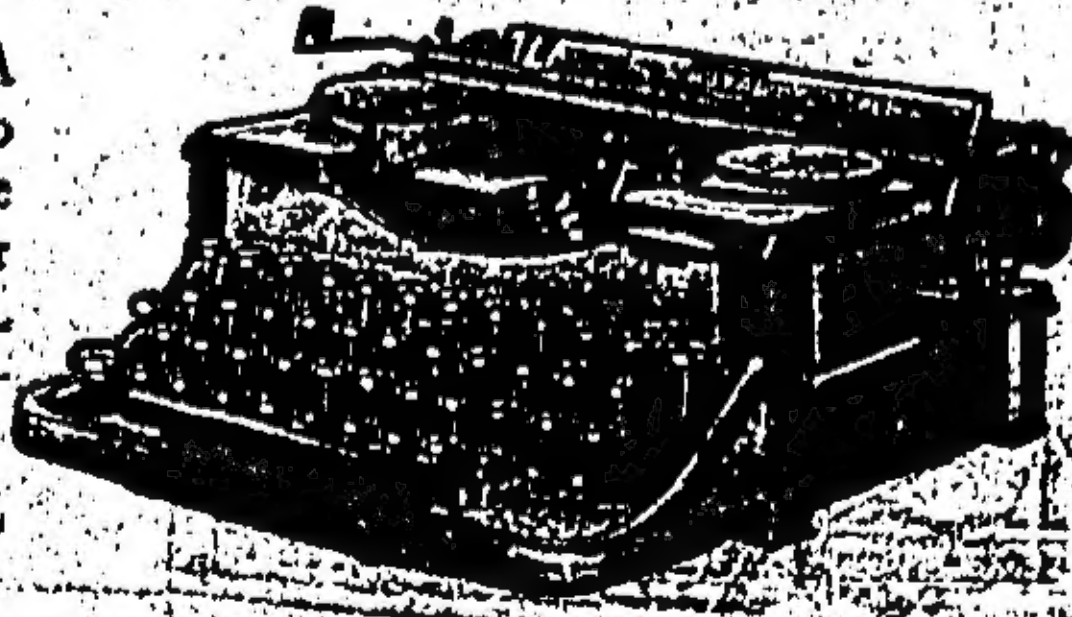
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BIRTH.

WILSON.—On December 23, 1930,
at London, to Mr. and Mrs.
David C. Wilson, a son.

Hong Kong, Wednesday, Dec. 24, 1930.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

A Merry Christmas! Once
again the age-long wish will be
re-echoed in every home from
every heart in Hong Kong at mid-
night. We have no "white"
Christmas so far as snow and
frost are concerned. But in the
purity of our thoughts and the
sincerity of our wish we can make
it a truly "white" Christmas for
ourselves and all around us.

Although the Christmas season
has been denuded of much that
was in time past considered
obligatory to a proper observance
of the feast, the gift of the spirit
still remains with us; and, after
all, that is the essential principle.
If by some evil chance the funda-
mental religious significance were
to be entirely eliminated from
the festival, the fact that there
is a breathing-space, or short
interlude, in the common round of
"getting and spending," of lay-
ing "waste our powers," inclining
us rather to a consideration of
the claims of others, than a too
complete concentration on our
own personal affairs, would alone
make the great feast one of ethical
importance in the fleeting years
that constitute the brief span
which is our life here below. And
it is above all, the children's festi-
val, for a Christmas without chil-
dren would be as dismal a failure
as a plum pudding without the
plums, or, if this simile be con-
sidered too material, "like Ham-
let" without "the philosophic
Dane."

This Micawberish reference
naturally recalls the memory of
Charles Dickens, than whom no
man ever did more to emphasise
"the deep spiritual significance of
the Christmas goose," as the late
Locker-Lampson pleasantly put
it. One might almost say that
with the death of Dickens, Christ-
mas, as a domestic institution, or
sacrosanct "en famille," fell into a
sort of slow decline. Assuredly
there are no such heroic repasts,
such ultra-convivial gatherings,
in these degenerate days of gas-
tronomic moderation, as those
referred to by "Boz" when his
exuberant altruism vented itself
in the pages of his "Christmas
Books," and other notable volumes.
With the elder among us, Christ-
mas is rather a season of self-
communing and remembrance.
There are flowers that yield a
sweeter fragrance as the day
declines and the shadows lengthen
on the everlasting hills; and with
the coming of the night are the
immutable stars, and one, the
brightest of them all, that burns
afar off in the Near East, whence
Hope came into the world.

News in Brief:

The forthcoming marriage is an-
nounced of Sverre Odmund Berg,
of "Bergslien," The Peak, to Tui
O'Kane, of Park Lane Mansions,
Sydney, now residing at 151, The
Peak.

Suffering from the effects of
poisoning, the nature of which has
not yet been ascertained, Ho Chi-
yun (22), a printer of the "Com-
mercial Press" at Kennedy Town,
was yesterday taken to the Govern-
ment Civil Hospital by his Toki.

This morning at the Central
Magistrate Mr. R. E. Lindsell im-
posed a fine of \$2,000 with the
alternative of six months' hard
labour on a Chinese who admitted
being the unlawful possessor of 70
tons of raw opium.

A verdict of death by misadven-
ture was yesterday afternoon re-
turned by a Coroner's jury who
sat with Mr. H. R. Butters to in-
quire into the death of a coolie
named Au Chuen, who was killed
by the collapse of a crane at the
Kowloon wharf on November 28.

Chung Kwong-kit, master of a
fishing junk, has reported to the
Police that whilst sailing his craft
at three o'clock on Monday morn-
ing, about three miles east of
Waglan, another fishing junk ran
into it, causing damage to the
extent of \$200. The other junk
then sailed away. No persons
were injured.

Suffering from indigestion, after
having attempted to commit suicide
by jumping into the harbour, a
Chinese woman, named Wong Lai-
wai (26), residing at 30, Li Tung
Street, was yesterday taken to the
Kwong Wah Hospital, where her
condition was found to be non-ser-
ious. She was released by Boat
people in the vicinity.

A Christmas Tree Party for
pupils and friends will be held at
the Maurice Physical Training
Institute on December 26, at 4.30
p.m. sharp.

Yesterday afternoon Mr. Justice
Jacks reserved judgment in the
case in which B. Kawahara, Japan-
ese eating house keeper of Peking
Road, Kowloon, brought an action
against Principal Printing Officer
A. B. Didsbury, of Victoria Jail
claiming \$500 general damages
arising out of a motor accident in
Queen's Road on the afternoon of
October 12.

GOOD WORK FOR THE EMPIRE.

Sir Henry Page Croft, M.P., was
the guest of honour at a dinner of
the Empire Industries Association
recently when a presentation was
made to him.

Sir Henry, in a speech acknow-
ledging the gift, described the Con-
servative policy as that for which
he and his colleagues had striven
all their political lives, and asked
for steadfastness on the part of the
Conservative leaders in the coming
fight.

Referring to the future, Sir
Henry said: "It looks as if our
dreams may now come true; but
that will only happen, if there is
great faith, great resolution, great
sacrifice of personal energies and
great unity. Such immense issues
hang in the balance that no words
can exaggerate their description.
The very industrial life of Britain,
and in consequence the happiness
of our own people, are at stake.
The decision as to whether the Em-
pire is to unite, or to become an-
tangled for good in economic ties
with foreign countries, hangs in the
balance."

"These issues are not much less
important than those confronting
us in 1914, and they demand equal
will power and equal courage. This
is no time for squabbling between
leaders of thought as to whether
this or that fine distinction of
policy is best. The question is:
Shall we give our workers the right
to work and the right to live? And
whether we prefer the products of
the Briton, wherever he dwells, to
the foreigner, in order to restore
our export trade and to establish
a lasting partnership for the salva-
tion of Britain and the well-being
of our sister nations of the Em-
pire."

"If the answer is in the affirma-
tive, then for Heaven's sake let us
start the march."

"Quota or Tariffs."
"I have taken the unpopular
path, and tried to speak what I be-
lieved to be the mind of the people
on your behalf at the Carlton Hall
meeting, when I asked for an end
to the referendum and a mandate
for a free hand from the electors to
negotiate treaties with the Domin-
ions by any and every means
along the lines of mutual prefer-
ence. This policy was not accepted
to them. To-day it is the acknow-
ledged policy of the party, and to
deny that it meets our views would
be dishonest."

"Quota or tariffs are both Pre-
ference. If Canada and Australia
wish for a quota to give greater
security for their wheat, let them
have it. If not, then we will give
a tariff preference to wheat, just as
we intend to give a tariff prefer-
ence to their other products."

"To-day we have the policy for
which we have been striving all
our political lives; but a terrific
struggle lies before us, and unless
we are led by men who will be stand-
fast and can convince the country
that in our policy lies salvation,
the triumph will be snatched from
us, and all will be in vain."

"This is no time for private interests
or partial affections. The spirit
of selfishness has been threatening our
position in our foreign policy, our
imperial and our home policy. We
cannot repulse Socialism and de-
fection by meeting these evils half-
way."

"I do not believe that providence
has entrusted us with the guidance
of more than a quarter of the
world's population merely to sur-
render to crime and agitation, and
to hand over countless of our fel-
low-subjects to anarchy, corrup-
tion, and ruin. Let us appeal to
the highest motives of our people
and rally them to the great call of
duty and patriotism, reminding
them that we are still a great rul-
ing race and these Britons will not
let us down." (Cheers.)

BRIDEGROOM OF 97.

INTIMATE FRIENDS UNAWARE
OF CEREMONY.

Mr. John Graham, one of the
coroners for Durham, who is 97,
has been married at All Saints
Church, Upper Norwood, S.E., to
Miss E. Ashton, of Shotley Bridge,
Durham.

Even Mr. Graham's intimate
friends were unaware that the
ceremony would take place.
Mr. Graham is believed to be the
oldest solicitor in Great Britain.
His bride is nearly 70. This is
his third marriage, his second wife
having died 10 years ago.

ROUND THE CHIMNEY TOPS WITH SANTA CLAUS.

By E. A. Brierley.

Michael was a very modern little
boy. He adored everything
mechanical, and he was lucky
enough to possess several splendid
mechanical toys. One day, when
he was shopping with his mother
at a big shop in the town near
which he lived, he saw something
he wanted very badly. It was a
gorgeous model of an aeroplane,
with dear little twinkling electric
lights on its tail and at the tips of
its wings—lights that would really
switch off and on! Michael knew,
for he tried them when his mother
was not looking!

"Will it fly, really and truly
properly?" Michael asked the
shopman breathlessly, for he was
very excited.

"It flies like a bird," answered
the assistant, who was really quite
thrilled by the aeroplane himself.

"Like to see it?"
Michael nodded, too overcome to
say anything. Here was something
that he wanted more than any-
thing in the world.

The shop assistant took the aero-
plane in his hands, placed it on the
floor, there was a whirr, and then
the machine rose slowly in the air
and circled round the room.

"Oh, Mummy, look, look!" cried
Michael. "Isn't it gorgeous? A
real aeroplane!"

"It's wonderful, darling," said
Michael's mother, noticing his
excited little face.

"Oh! Mummy, do you think I
could—?" began Michael,
hesitating a little. "Would it cost
lots of money?"

"I am afraid so, dear," answered
his mother. Then, when the
shopman told her the price, she
added, "I can't buy it for you now,
Michael; perhaps if you are a good
boy, Father Christmas may bring
you an aeroplane for Christmas."

Now Michael, at the bottom of
his heart, considered Father
Christmas to be a kind of fairy
story. So when his mother said,
"Father Christmas may bring you
an aeroplane" he was very disap-
pointed.

"Mummy," said Michael sudden-
ly at bedtime that night, "tell me
all about Father Christmas,
please."

So she told all she knew; how
Father Christmas was a jolly, kind-
hearted man with a laughing red
face, and a long white beard; how
he was always dressed in red, and
carried a sack full of toys on his
back; how every year, on Christ-
mas Eve, he visited good boys and
girls, scrambling down the chim-
neys in their bedrooms and filling
their stockings with toys.

Michael listened eagerly. Per-
haps it isn't just a fairy story,
he thought.

"Where does Father Christmas
live?" he asked.

"At the North Pole," answered
his mother.

"How does he get to the chim-
neys?"

"In a sledge drawn by reindeer."
"I don't think that would be
quick enough, Mummy," said
Michael. "You see, there are so
many chimneys, and it would take
simply ages to come from the
North Pole in a sledge. I expect
he uses an aeroplane, like the one
we saw this afternoon, only big-
ger, of course."

"Perhaps he does," dear," said
his mother. "Now you go to
Dreamland. Good-night."

This happened not very long be-
fore Christmas, and every day
Michael thought about the aero-
plane he had seen in the shop, and
wondered if Father Christmas was
a real person! By Christmas Eve
he had made up his mind he was,
and he was now tremendously ex-
cited. He had tried so hard to be
good; so perhaps on Christmas Day
he might find his beloved aeroplane
on his bed.

Before he got into bed, he and
his mother had great preparations.
They fastened two of his father's
golf stockings securely to the bed-

rail, for his own were not big
enough, and moved the fire-guard
from before the fire to allow
Father Christmas to come down
into the room properly.

"There does not look much
room," said Michael anxiously.
"He may have a great big sack."

"Perhaps if he is too fat he will
come through the window," sug-
gested his mother. "See, I'll draw
back the curtains and open the
casement wide. Now close your
eyes tightly, Michael, and try to
go to sleep quickly."

Michael did as his mother told
him, and in a few minutes he was
fast asleep.

"Whirr! Whirr! Whirr!"
Whatever was that? Michael
sat up in bed. It sounded like an
aeroplane passing overhead. The
noise was getting louder and
louder. It was an aeroplane. Oh!
it was stopping just outside his
window. With one bound Michael
was out of bed and pushing open
the window.

"Steady, young man!" cried a
jolly voice. "You'll push me over.
Would you like a trip round the
chimney tops with me? Hurry up,
slip on your thick overcoat, for I
haven't a minute to spare."

The next moment Michael was
clambering into the aeroplane and
taking his seat by the pilot, who,
of course, as you have guessed,
was Father Christmas.

"I thought I'd show you I was
real," chuckled Father Christmas,
"and as I wanted a smart boy to
help me I called for you. Now see
those parcels? They are all toys
for boys and girls in this town.

Every sack is labelled with the
name of the street, and as I call
out the name of the street I want
you to pass them to me. You can
read, of course!"

"Oh yes," answered Michael.
"All except very long words."

"Well, these are all short ones,"
said Santa Claus, with a jolly
laugh. "Isn't that lucky? Now
we are passing High-street. Will
you please pass me the sack?"

Thank you. Now I'll alight on this
roof and just pop down these chim-
neys with the toys. Will you wait
for me here, and look out the sack
for King-square?"

Before Michael could reply,
Father Christmas had gone. In
spite of his size and huge sack he
climbed over roofs and scrambled
down chimneys like lightning.

Michael was rightfully proud at
being asked to help Santa Claus,
and he bustled about busily among
the sacks. Soon Father Christmas
was back again, carrying an empty
sack this time. Off they were in
the air again, passing from street
to street, flying here and there. At
last Father Christmas gave a sigh.

"This town is finished," he said.
"I don't think I have forgotten one
boy or girl, and I have used all my
toys. I'll have to fly back to one
of my workshops for more."

"Have you many workshops?"
asked Michael.

"Lots," answered Father Christ-
mas, "in different parts of the
country, but very few people know
about them. Now you must be
tired. I'll take you home, and you
must pop into bed, shut your eyes,
and not open them until morning.
Then, perhaps you'll see something
you like," and he roared with
laughter.

"Oh! do you mean—?" began
Michael, but he had not time to
finish his sentence, for he was
home.

"Now you don't think I am just
a fairy story, do you?" asked
Father Christmas.

"Of course not, you are a dar-
ling. I'll never think you're just a
story again, never!" cried Michael
as he snuggled down in bed.

When he next opened his eyes it
was daylight, and there, perched on
the rail of his bed was his aero-
plane!

"I knew he would give it me,"
shouted Michael excitedly. "Mum-
my, Mummy, look what I've got!"

NEW COMMANDER.

CAPTAIN BRITTEN TO JOIN
THE BERENGIA.

Rugby, Yesterday.
Captain Britten, the commander
of the Cunard liner Franconia,
has been appointed to the suc-
cession to Commodore Sir Arthur
Boston.

Capt. Britten has commanded in
the past the Aquitania, Mauretania
and Samaria.

In 1928 he was appointed to the
Franconia, in which he made two
world cruises—British Wireless
Service.

[Captain Britten will be remem-
bered in Hong Kong, which the
Franconia included in her world
tours.]

Ten Years Ago.

[From the "China Mail" of
December 24, 1920.]

To-day's dollar is worth 8/1 9/16.

Damage estimated at \$20,000 was
caused by a fire which broke out in
a match in the Kowloon Docks
last night.

Although the members of both
the "Hong Kong" and "Kowloon"
brigades, the latter with their en-
gines, assisted the boats, the flames
could not be checked, and the
structure was completely gutted.

Marine internal combustion oil
engines, in their packing cases,
stored in the matchbox by the
Asiatic Petroleum Company, were
damaged to an estimated extent of
\$20,000. The cause of the out-
break is at present a mystery.

BRITISH WOMAN IN
LHASA.Arduous Journey with
Her Husband.

FORBIDDEN TIBET.

A British woman in the sacred city of Lhasa, the capital of still mysterious Tibet, and not only that but received in audience by the Dalai Lama. Here is a double event which tells us that this Old World of ours has not yet lost all its surprises. And so to the story, writes Anglo-Indian in the Sunday Times.

Some weeks ago the papers had a brief cable from India saying that Colonel Leslie Weir had arrived at Lhasa on a mission for the Government of India. He is Political Resident, or, in other words, the official representative in Sikkim of the Indian Government, which promoted him there from Kashmir. His knowledge of the languages and ways of the peoples on the Indian frontier no doubt recommended him for his most recent service to the Raj, in a State through which there passes an important route to Tibet and Lhasa.

Some account of Colonel Weir's journey thither has now reached London, and it contains the really dramatic news that he was accompanied by his wife, a woman whose gifts of mind and charm of character have made her very popular in Anglo-Indian society. She has been with her husband on other travels among the marshes of India, but she probably never expected to be the first European woman to visit Lhasa and talk with His Holiness, the Dalai Lama.

Trackless Country. Necessarily this journey was arduous, by reason of the roadless and almost trackless country which had to be crossed, and on account of the variations and vicissitudes of climate encountered on the way. Tibet lies between China and India, at such a Himalayan altitude that



"My late husband was an artist: he told me he always found inspiration in my cooking."
"He was a sculptor, I suppose."
"Smith's Weekly, Sydney."

Its average height above sea level is said to be that of Mont Blanc. It is in the latitude of Delhi, Cairo, Algiers and Naples, but its far-inland position and its elevation give it a cold, dry, very extreme climate.

Colonel and Mrs. Weir and their camp followers were at altitudes of sixteen and seventeen thousand feet. That was the more trying because, after traversing the bitter uplands of Southern Tibet, they lived under canvas. On occasion they had to seek shelter from the storms in Tibetan villages, but the dirt and discomfort of these drove them back to their sodden tents. A special danger had struck them when they were crossing the great Baramputra river in yak-skin boats, for it was in angry flood, and it seemed as if the other bank would never be reached.

A Royal Welcome.

At Lhasa an almost royal welcome awaited the travellers; gorgeously-clad officials from the Tibetan Government and the Dalai Lama, a regiment of soldiers led by a colourful general, a brass band which played emphatic music, and a huge crowd of the civil population. Probably the knowledge that a memsahib, a British lady, a European woman, had at long last penetrated to Lhasa, had something to do with the bravery of the demonstration, and certainly with the curiosity of the citizens. They were vastly good-natured as well as curious, and the courtesy and attention of the Dalai Lama and those in authority, never ceased towards Colonel and Mrs. Weir. His Holiness and his entourage were wonderfully impressive, and the Potah, or palace, seemed to the strangers a vision of beauty. They were also captured by the beauty of Lhasa as a whole, thinking it a fit frame for its courtly Tibetan men and women.

Now Colonel Weir and his party, having successfully concluded this remarkable mission, are on their way back to Sikkim, where they will arrive this month, quietly enough. That is, always characteristic of the British Raj in India, for though the populace moves, the Government goes on with its work and never attempts to change.

THE THREE PHILIP
SNOWDENS.A "Gentle Soul" Who
Enjoys Being Rude.

GRAPHIC PEN PICTURE.

Mr. Philip Snowden, Chancellor of the Exchequer, was born at Meddleton, Cowling, Yorkshire, in 1864. He was educated at a Board School and privately. He retired from the Civil Service in 1893 to devote himself to journalism and lecturing. In 1906 he entered Parliament for the first time—as Labour Member for Blackburn. He first became Chancellor of the Exchequer in Mr. MacDonald's Government in 1924.

When a public man is fundamentally simple without being a simpleton the world is set a puzzling problem (writes Mr. Hugh Martin, the well-known Parliamentary Correspondent). A Chinese painting can be so simple as to be barely comprehensible at a first glance. How can you be reasonably sure about anybody if the landscape of his mind contains none of those half tones which commonly help us to judge distances and relationships.

I fancy that the rarity of this type of mind in British politics must have been one of Mr. Snowden's handicaps at The Hague, for his own country and the world at large seem to have been taken by surprise. Mr. Snowden's mind has no shadows and the perspective is unusual.

He knows. If it were not clearly contrary to nature, I should be inclined to believe that he knows himself, which would certainly be sufficient reason for other people finding it hard to know him. At any rate, he would never say, as I heard Mr. MacDonald say the other day at Elgin: "There is nobody who understands a human being less than I understand myself."

Positive Knowledge.

This positive knowledge in Mr. Snowden is apt to be disconcerting. But what else would you expect? He comes of the Yorkshire working middle class and of pure Dissenting stock. He was crippled at the age of twenty-two by a bicycling accident, and lay on his back for years, reading and thinking. It is certain that if there had been no prolonged suffering of mind and body there would have been no Philip Snowden as we have him today. No, the remarkable thing about Mr. Snowden is not that he has a shadeless mind, but that his personality should be so sharply divided into compartments, all, as it were, on one plane.

Happy Domesticity.

There is the Snowden of happy domesticity and easy social intercourse—kind, courteous, quizzical, clever, with an encouraging smile for the shy, and the rather remote voice one gets from a man with those eyes. Women of the mothering sort who meet him in private or semi-private life "fall for him" and call him a dear. If their husbands are intelligent they agree. This Snowden is a gentle soul.

Then there is the Snowden who sits in Parliament for Colne Valley and has been for many years one of the fighting leaders of the Labour Party. This Snowden can be exceedingly rude, not by accident or mistake but because it pleases him to be rude, and he has an idea that the other fellow would be ruder still if he were able. When he is in such a mood he can serve up more party trash at a sitting than probably any other man in the front rank of British politics. But Mr. Snowden seems to be doing it partly for the sheer fun of the thing and partly because, being a simple soul, he thinks the only way to make an impression upon a thick skull is to hit it hard with a heavy hammer.

Thirdly, there is the champion of national rights, John Bull Snowden, the Iron Chancellor, and the rest of it. This is, on the surface, the most artificial, surprising, and easily attacked of the three, but below the surface it is the nearest we can get to the bedrock Snowden as his Maker knows him. Here is the man no longer at play, but grimly doing his job. Surely it is not a question of this Snowden.

CHINESE STOWAWAYS.

Five Chinese stowaways found on the s.s. Tiliwong from Sandakan were fined \$50 or in default one month's imprisonment at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning. One of the men had \$290 in his possession.

Jewellery valued at \$400 was stolen from the house of Mr. A. D. B. Rieg in Kirkcaldy Road, Stratford, S.W., by thieves who reached an open window by placing some steps against the back of the house.

Lord Sankay, the Lord Chancellor, has been elected High Steward of Oxford University in succession to the late Lord Brien, a post which carries a salary of £1,000 a year.

RADIO
TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong-Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 355 metres:—

5 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
7 p.m.—European Programme of Victor Records.

7-8 p.m.—
Chorus—
With a Song in My Heart.
Jack Hylton and Orchestra (36027).

Song—
Christmas Morning at Clancey's.
Steve Porter, Comedian (29259).

Song—
My Ideal.
Maurice Chevalier, Baritone.

Chorus—
Twisting the Dials.
The Happiness Boys (35953).

Orchestra—
Gems from "Follow Thru".
Gems from "Hold Everything".
Victor Light Opera Co. (35970).

Song—
Alabama Lullaby.
Gene Austin, Tenor (22539).

Chorus—
Happy Feet.
The Ravellers (22547).

Vocal Duet—
Somewhere in Old Wyoming.
Bud Billings-Carson Robinson (22558).

Orchestra—
Gems from "Whoopie".
Gems from "The New Moon".
Victor Light Opera Co. (35969).

Humorous Song—
I'm Yours.
Johnny Marvin (22555).

Song—
Everybody Does it in Hawaii.
Jimmie Rogers (22143).

8-9 p.m.—
Orchestra—
March of the Caucasian Chief.
Danse Oriental.
Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra (1335).

Song—
Rose in the Bud.
Reinold Weissenrath, Baritone (1314).

Orchestra—
Sincerely.
Wedding of the Winds.
La Vittoria Orchestra (35911).

Violin Solo—
Scherzo-Tarantelle.
La Ronda Des Luths.
Jasha Heifetz (6159).

Song—
Lo Here the Gentle Lark.
Madam Amelia Galli-Curci (6127).

Violin Solo—
Love's Garden of Roses.
Rene Chemet (1328).

Orchestra—
Southern Roses.
Wine, Women & Song.
Chicago Symphony Orchestra (6647).

Pipe Organ Solo—
Christmas Fantasy.
Mark Andrews (19816).

Chorus—
Hark the Herald Angels Sing.
Trinity Choir (19823).

Chorus—
Hodie Christus Natus Est.
Dayton Westminster Choir (20410).

9 p.m.—(Christ is born to-day)
Weather Report, Local Time, etc.
9.05-11.30 p.m.—Dance Programme.

Waltz—
Moon Light on the Colorado.
Fox Trot—
Don't Tell Her (22528).

Fox Trot—
A Peach of a Pair.
May Be It's Love (22546).

Fox Trot—
Just a Little Dance Man's Solis.
Waltz—
Just a Little While (22543).

Fox Trot—
Through.
Why do You Suppose (22204).

Fox Trot—
Campus Cappers.
Sophomore Prom (22215).

Fox Trot—
The Web of Love.
I'm in Love With You (22141).

Waltz—
Alice Blue Gown.
Beautiful Lady (22117).

Fox Trot—
Got Rhythm.
Embraceable You (22558).

Fox Trot—
I'd Like to Find the Guy That
Wrote the Stein Song.
What's the Use? (22493).

Fox Trot—
Following the Sun Around.
If You're in Love You'll Waltz (22132).

Fox Trot—
Without Love.
So Beats My Heart For You (22486).

Fox Trot—
Sing Song Girl.
Waltz—
Song of the Big Trail (22548).

Fox Trot—
Swingin' the Clouds Away.
Any Time is the Time to Fall
In Love (22346).

Fox Trot—
Singing a Vagabond Song.
Puttin' on the Ritz (22309).

Fox Trot—
She's Such a Comfort to Me.
What is This Thing Called Love (22382).

Fox Trot—
Miss Wonderful.
Waltz—
Dance Away the Night (22187).

Fox Trot—
Alone With My Dreams.
Lacy Louisiana Moon (22384).

Fox Trot—
All I Want is Just One.
Dancing to Save Your Soul (22384).

Fox Trot—
Under a Yarnian Skies.
June Kisses (22440).

Fox Trot—
Deep in the Arms of Love.
Waltz—
I'll Close My Eyes to the East
of the World (22197).

Waltz—
Once a Little Street in Honolulu.
All Through the Night (22504).

11.40 p.m.—Class Down.

SHADOWS BEFORE
COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED
IN CHINA MAIL.

Social Functions.

Tonight—Christmas Eve. Carnival, Regatta Bay Hotel.

Tonight—Dinner Dance at Hotel Cecil.

Tonight—Chief Petty Officers' dance, City Hall.

To-day—Queen's Theatre.
"Dough Boys."

To-day—Central Theatre.
"Innocents of Paris."

To-day—World Theatre.
"Love On The Lake."

To-day—Star Theatre.
"Night Bird."

To-day—Majestic Theatre.
"College Love."

To-night—Theatre Royal "Yeomen of the Guard," 9 p.m.

To-day—Inward from America and ports and Europe via Siberia (Hiye Maru); Outward for Europe via Siberia (Empress of Canada), 6 p.m.

To-morrow—Inward from Europe via Negapatam (Talamba).

Miscellaneous.
Thursday—Christmas Tree and Presentation of Prizes, Civil Service Cricket Club.

Sports.
See Diary on page 9.

ATTACK ON HOOVER

TREASURY INTERFERENCE
CONDEMNED.

New York, Yesterday. Ex-President Coolidge in a statement to the Press condemns the Treasury's interference with the price of commodities, as likely to worsen matters. "He is of opinion it would be better to let losers bear their losses rather than try to make somebody else shoulder them."

The attack is believed to be directed against Mr. Hoover's endeavour to maintain wheat prices.—Reuter's American Service.

NABAB OF SACHIN.

DEATH OF MAN WHO FOUGHT
IN EAST AFRICA.

Surat, Nov. 20. The death has occurred of the Nawab of Sachin. Major H. H. Nawab, Seodas Ibrahim Mahomed Yukt Khan Mahasarat, Dawla Nasir Jung Bahadur, Nawab of Sachin, was A.D.C., attached to the 6th Division, General Staff.

Born in 1886, he succeeded as an infant in the following year to the Gadi of Sachin. He married a daughter of his uncle and leaves three sons.

He was installed on the Gadi of Sachin in May, 1907, when full powers of a ruling Prince were handed over. He was granted the Honorary Commission of Captain in the British Army in 1909, and was promoted Major in 1921.

Educated at Rajkumar College, Rajkote, and at Mayo College, Ajmere, he became a member of the Imperial Cadet Corps.

He was selected for Field Service with Force "B", and served in the Great War, in German East Africa, from 1914 to 1916, when he was disabled and lost the use of his left arm.

While their four children were at church George Benjamin Jackson and his wife were found fatally injured at their home in Letts, and a razor and a hatchet were in the room.

NEW
ADVERTISEMENTS.

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS

of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 29th day of December, 1930, at 8 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of Crown Land at Stubbs Road, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 21 years.

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3	1/2	Stubbs Road	1/2	1/2	1/2
4	1/2	Stubbs Road	1/2	1/2	1/2
5	1/2	Stubbs Road	1/2	1/2	1/2
6	1/2	Stubbs Road	1/2	1/2	1/2
7	1/2	Stubbs Road	1/2	1/2	1/2
8	1/2	Stubbs Road	1/2	1/2	1/2
9	1/2	Stubbs Road	1/2	1/2	1/2
10	1/2	Stubbs Road	1/2	1/2	1/2

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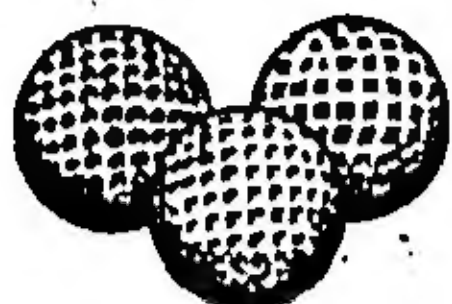
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Sport Columns

WHO WILL WIN?

TO-MORROW'S LEAGUE
MATCHES AT HOME.[Exclusive to China Mail—
By "Lineaman"]

The following is a list of Home football matches to-morrow. The teams in black type may win; where no black type is shown the match may result in a draw:

ENGLISH LEAGUE.

Division I.

BIRMINGHAM v. Leeds U.
Blackburn v. Sheffield U.
Bolton W. v. Manchester U.
Chelsea v. Aston Villa
Grimsby T. v. Liverpool
Manchester C. v. Arsenal
Sunderland v. Leicester
West Ham v. Portsmouth

Division II.

Barnsley v. W. Bromwich
Bradford C. v. Preston N.E.
Burnley v. Everton
Bury v. Bradford
Millwall v. Reading
Notts F. v. Wolves
Oldham v. Charlton
Port Vale v. Bristol C.
Tottenham v. Southampton

Division III—Southern.

Brentford v. Crystal P.
Bristol R. v. Brighton
Coventry v. Bournemouth
Gillingham v. Thames
Luton v. Torquay
Newport v. Exeter
Norwich v. Clapton O.
Queens P.R. v. Notts F.
Southend v. Northampton
Swindon v. Fulham
Walsall v. Watford

Division III—Northern.

Accrington v. Wigan
Chesterfield v. Wrexham
Crewe v. Barrow
Doncaster v. N. Brighton
Halifax v. Hull
Nelson v. Hartlepool
Rotherham v. Tranmere
Southport v. Gateshead
Stockport v. Carlisle

Boxing Day.

ENGLISH LEAGUE.

Division I.

ARSENAL v. Manchester C.
Aston Villa v. Chelsea
Derby C. v. Blackburn
Huddersfield v. Newcastle
Leeds U. v. Birmingham
Leicester v. Sunderland
Liverpool v. Grimsby
Middlesbrough v. Bolton W.
Portsmouth v. West Ham
Sheffield U. v. Blackpool

Division II.

BRADFORD v. Millwall
Bristol C. v. Swansea
Charlton v. Port Vale
Plymouth v. Cardiff C.
Preston N.E. v. Burnley
Reading v. Notts F.
Shamilton v. Tottenham
Stoke C. v. Bradford C.
West Brom. v. Barnsley
Wolves v. Oldham

Division III—Southern.

Bournemouth v. Coventry
Brighton v. Bristol R.
Clapton C. v. Norwich
Crystal P. v. Brentford
Exeter v. Newport
Fulham v. Swindon
N'hampton v. Southend
Notts C. v. Queen's P.R.
Thames v. Gillingham
Torquay v. Luton
Watford v. Walsall

Division III—Northern.

Carlisle v. York
Gateshead v. Stockport
Hartlepool v. Nelson
Hull v. Halifax
Lincoln v. Darlington
N. Brighton v. Doncaster
Rochester v. Southport
Tranmere v. Rotherham
Wigan v. Accrington
Wrexham v. Chesterfield

Saturday.

ENGLISH LEAGUE.

Division I.

ARSENAL v. Blackpool
Aston Villa v. Manchester U.
Blackburn R. v. Liverpool
Chelsea v. Grimsby
Derby C. v. Leicester
Huddersfield v. West Ham
Leeds U. v. Newcastle
Middlesbrough v. Bolton W.
Portsmouth v. Watford
Sheffield U. v. Birmingham

Division II.

Barnsley v. Port Vale
Bradford v. Oldham
Bristol C. v. West Brom.
Burnley v. Burnley
Cardiff v. Swansea
Charlton v. Bradford C.
Everton v. Plymouth
Reading v. Tottenham
Southampton v. Preston N.E.
Stoke v. Millwall
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Division III—Southern.

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Watford v. Fulham

Division III—Northern.

Carlisle v. Chesterfield
Crewe v. Accrington
Doncaster v. Gateshead
Hartlepool v. Halifax
Hull v. Stockport
Lincoln v. N. Brighton
Nelson v. Rochdale
Tranmere v. Barrow
Wigan v. Darlington
Wrexham v. Southport
York v. Rotherham

Scottish League.

Airdrie v. Morton
Ayr v. Clyde
Celtic v. Falkirk
Cowdenbath v. Queen's Park
Dundee v. East Fife
Hearts v. Rangers
Leith A. v. Aberdeen
Motherwell v. Hibernians
Partick F. v. Kilmarnock
St. Mirren v. Hamilton

CRICKET.

I.R.C. TEAM FOR HOLIDAY
INTER-CLUB MATCH.

The following have been selected to play in the I.R.C. Inter-Club match on Christmas Day at 1.45 p.m.:

Over 25—J. B. Abdul-Careem, J. S. Akbar, A. S. Arulk, C. P. Doodha, B. R. Irani, G. Ismail, S. A. Ismail, A. H. Madar, D. Mohammed, A. A. Ramjani, and A. H. Ramjani.
Under 25—A. E. Abbas, M. H. Abbas, F. M. el Arculi, H. T. M. Barma, A. E. R. Bernal, S. Ismail, M. P. Madar, A. R. Minu, P. B. Perera, A. M. Ramjani, and A. R. Saffad.

DR. PIERCE-GROVE.

A portrait of the late Dr. R. Pierce-Grove is to be unveiled at the Hunter's Arms, Fanning, on Friday, at noon, by the Hon. Mr. J. J. Fanning.
The Fanning Hunt and Race Club will be "at home" to members and friends for the occasion, from 11 a.m. to noon.
The portrait is the work of Mr. Roberts.

The argument in favour of the two-minute round is that it is easier for the younger men. It is also said that the two-minute round is more exciting and more profitable for the promoters.

CHARITY FOOTBALL
MATCH.Good Match Arranged
for New Year's Day.

SERVICES v. REST.

A match between the Combined Services and the Rest of the Colony has been arranged at Soekunpoo on January 1, 1931, at 3.30 p.m. The match will be in aid of the Ministering Children's League (Naval & Military Branches). Admission to the ground will be \$1.50 cents and 30 cents.

It is hoped that His Excellency the Governor, His Excellency the General Officer Commanding, the Commodore and Sir Shou-son Chow will be present.

The Band and Drums of the 1st Bn. The South Wales Borderers will play on the ground from 3 to 3.30 p.m. and during the interval. The Services will be represented by the following:—

Marine Clueas (H.M.S. Berwick); Lt. Tel. Dixon, A.B. Robertson, A.B. Magee and L. Ste. Skanes (H.M.S. Medway); A.B. Pencock (H.M.S. Suffolk), Pte. Henderson, Cpl. Hay, Pte. Yeoman and L/Cpl. Campbell (Arzyl & Sutherland Highlanders), and Cpl. Atkins (R.A.F.).

An excellent game is anticipated and it is hoped that all supporters of the M.C.L. Charities will make an effort to be present at the match or in any case to purchase tickets from Military Headquarters (Capt. E. B. Deskin).

BOXING PLANS.

LAKE-DOBSON RETURN MATCH
MADE.

NEXT TOURNAMENT.

Boxing enthusiasts who saw the wonderful bout between Stoker Percy Lake and Seaman Dobson for the Lightweight Championship of the Colony at the opening tournament of the H.K.B.A. season will learn with interest that the pair have been re-matched for the main bout at the next one. As previously announced in the *China Mail*, this will take place on Saturday, January 3.

Both men have signed articles, and are already in training, reporting themselves as being very fit. Lake is working out aboard his ship, H.M.S. Berwick, whilst Dobson, who is on H.M.S. Thracian, is using the Police gymnasium, with "Sky" Kerrison as his chief mentor, as before.

The Dobson party are quite confident that their man will reverse the verdict this time, and many people agree with them that a draw would have met the case then, although the referee's decision proved a very popular one. Be that as it may, another great treat is assuredly in store, with lots of fast, clean and clever fighting.

Promoters' Troubles.

Mr. J. Brooks, manager of the Association, has had a good deal of hard luck over framing up his other bouts, and is to be commiserated with. At one time it looked as if it would be possible to put on a middleweight championship, as it was thought that both Jack Shephard of H.M.S. Cumberland (a fighter of the first rank), and Stinnie Morris, aboard H.M.S. Suffolk, would be in the Colony for the next tournament. Unfortunately by present indications, such will not be the case.

H.M.S. Suffolk, it is understood, will leave here on January 2, one day before the fight, for Shanghai, to relieve H.M.S. Cumberland. The latter ship will not be in Hong Kong until January 3. Thus all notions of matching either man, either against each other or Jock Crichton, must of necessity be put aside.

Crichton Wired To.

Incidentally, the Association wired Crichton offering him a fight, thinking they could watch him against one of these men. It is not absolutely certain as yet whether he is coming down here. But the difficulty at the moment should be, do so, would be to find him a suitable opponent.

Later, when H.M.S. Kent returns, with Seaman Harry Ewin aboard, there may be three or four first-class middles in the Colony at one time, which augurs well for future tournaments.

Hidden Talent, Please!

However, the definite promise of a Lake-Dobson return bout will be sufficient in itself to back the hall, the exhibition they put up last time, but being a guarantee of that.

Mr. Brooks, by the way, is always glad to hear from good boys who would like a fight in the local ring, and will do his very best to match them with suitable opponents. He is also anxious to hear from any boys who would like to be trained, and will be glad to take them on as apprentices.

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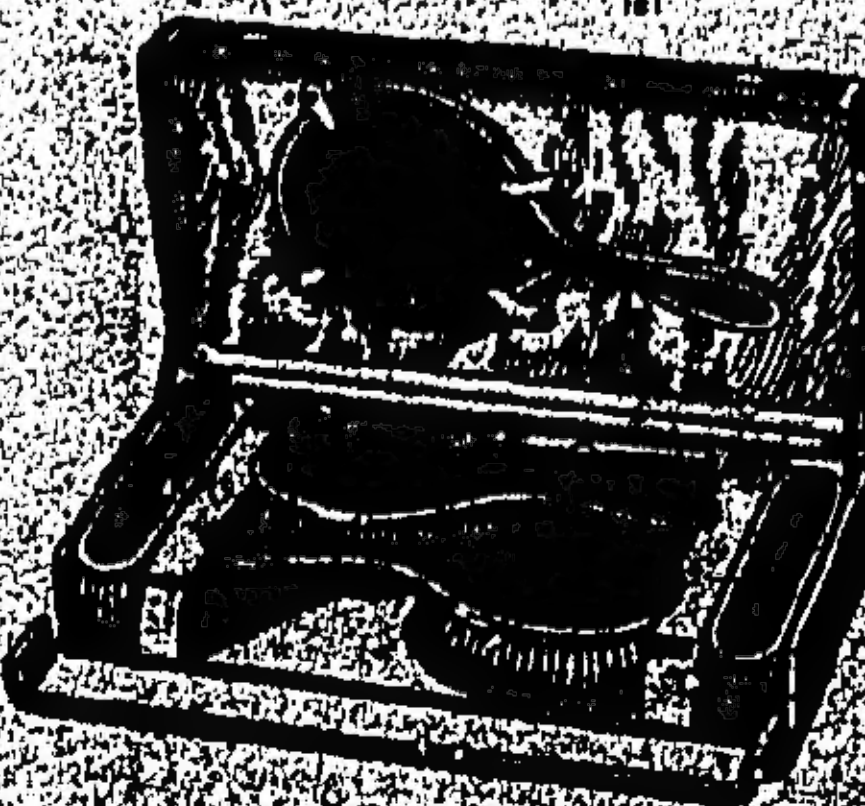
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Individuals and firms are recommended to register their telegraphic addresses at the Radio Office. No charge is made for this.

Christmas and New Year greetings are now accepted by Government Radio Office for transmission via Radio. Full particulars on application.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

On Thursday, December 25, Friday, December 26 and Saturday, December 27, the General Post Office and Branch Post Offices will be open as follows:

	Thursday.	Friday.	Saturday.
General Post Office	8 a.m.—9 a.m.	8 a.m.—noon	8 a.m.—9 a.m.
Kowloon Post Office	8 a.m.—9 a.m.	8 a.m.—11 a.m.	8 a.m.—9 a.m.
Other Branch Post Office	8 a.m.—9 a.m.	8 a.m.—9 a.m.	8 a.m.—9 a.m.

There will be one collection from the pillar boxes and one delivery of ordinary correspondence each day as on Sundays and one delivery of registered correspondence each day at 9 a.m. The Money Order Office will be entirely closed during the Holidays.

INWARD MAILS

From	Per	WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24.
Batavia	Tjiondardi	
Sandakan	Tjiondardi	
Japan	Atsuta Maru	
Shanghai and Swatow	Nanning	
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai (Seattle, Nov. 29) and Europe via Siberia (London, Dec. 4)	Hive Maru	
Europe via Negapatam (Letters only, London, Nov. 27)	Talamba	
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26.		
Shanghai	Lahore	
Japan and Shanghai	Hakusan Maru	
Shanghai and Foochow	Onderkerk	
Java and Saigon	Japara	
Japan, Shanghai and Europe via Siberia (London, Dec. 6)	Hakusan Maru	
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27.		
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, Nov. 28)	President Adams	

OUTWARD MAILS

For	Per	WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24.
Saigon	Tsinan	3.30 p.m.
Amoy	Sirhana	3.30 p.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Parcels	Dec. 24, 4 p.m.
	Letters	5 p.m.
	Kochow	4 p.m.
Samshui and Wuchow	Atsuta Maru	
Manila, Australia & New Zealand via Thursday Island	(Due Thursday Is., Jan. 7, 1931.)	
	(Ship sails 6 a.m. on Xmas Day.)	
	Registration Dec. 24, 4.15 p.m.	
	Letters	5 p.m.
Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. and S. America and Europe via Vancouver, B.C.	Empress of Canada	
	(Due Vancouver, B.C., Jan. 9, 1931.)	
	Registration Dec. 24, 4.15 p.m.	
	Letters	5 p.m.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Empress of Canada	
	(Ship leaving at noon on Christmas Day.)	
	Registration Dec. 24, 5 p.m.	
	Letters	6 p.m.
Amoy	Tjiondardi	5 p.m.
Swatow	Hydrangea	9 a.m.
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26.		
Hoihow, Pakhoi and Halphong	Klungchow	10 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles	Hakusan Maru	
	(Due Marseilles, Jan. 24, 1931.)	
	G.P.O.	
K.P.O.		
Registration Dec. 26, 9 a.m.	Registration Dec. 26, 9.45 a.m.	
Letters	10.50 a.m.	
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haiching	10 a.m.

*Superscribed correspondence only.

CHESS PLAYED WITH INTOXICANTS.

Freak Game Needs Great Reserve.

TREMENDOUS STRAIN.

Birmingham.—A remarkable freak game of chess was played here by two Birmingham sportsmen for a 250 bet.

The game was played in the house of one of the contestants. The chess board was the black and white check linoleum-covered floor, and the pieces were represented by bottles of various alcoholic drink.

Bottles of beer replaced the pawns, the knights were pale brown sherry, the rooks burgundy, the bishops sparkling mosello, and the kings and queens rare vintage champagne.

One of the conditions of the bet was that each player should drink each piece as he won it. The game lasted from 10.30 at night until the early hours of the next morning. Both men are fair chess players, and can take their liquor, and many side bets were wagered on the result.

Feeling the Strain. There was an early surprise when one of the players, a lover of burgundy sacrificed two pawns and a bishop for a rook. His opponent retaliated by making him take three pawns and a knight in quick succession.

When the players came up for the next move it was evident that both were feeling the strain. After two more pawns had been lost the game steadied down, and each seemed anxious to present the other with minor pieces.

Then it was discovered that some of the spectators had fished the king's bishop's pawn and emptied the black queen.

After one of the players had knocked over a white rook and broken it, and his opponent had tried mate with a bishop and a knight, the match was abandoned without a decision.

BEST ALL-ROUND CYCLIST.

Wonderful Season on the Track.

Frank Southall, the well-known long-distance rider, has been declared the winner of the competition for the best all-round cyclist on the road.

The Norwood Paragon crack has long been considered Britain's premier road rider, but his performances for the season just closed entitle him to rank with the world's best.

His best rides were 50 miles in 2 hr. 8 min. 4 sec., 100 miles 4.38.42, and 12 hours, 221½ miles, these three performances giving him an average speed of 21.141 m.p.h.

F. G. Frost, of the Allondon C.C., takes second place in the competition with an average of 20.992 m.p.h., with G. B. Orrell, the Anfield B.C. rider, third—20.981 m.p.h.

The "Cycling" Trophy for the winner, with the medallions, team shield—which was won by the Vegetarian trio, L. Cave, O. Marshall, and S. H. Ferris—and other awards, will be presented at the Queen's Hall on January 17.

Southall, thus proved supreme on the road, also had a wonderful season on the track.

Among his many successes was the new mile (paced) record, a record which had previously withstood the attempts of Britain's fastest riders for over thirty years.

The mile record followed, almost immediately, his successful attempt on the 100 miles figure—two entirely different types of event.

I would rather run a hundred miles race than go through such a ceremony again. W. M. Mackenzie, the Scottish champion cyclist at the presentation of the season's prizes at Elgin Wheelers' Club reunion.

OXFORD'S NEW CAPTAIN.

D. N. Moore's Unique Cricket Experience.

LAST MINUTE CHANGE.

D. N. Moore (Shrewsbury and Queen's) has been elected captain, and A. Melville (Michaelhouse, South Africa and Trinity), secretary of the Oxford University Cricket Club.

The appointment of the officers for next season inevitably recalls the University match of 1930. Oxford lost a golden opportunity of winning at Lord's for the first time since 1923, and suffered a defeat which at lunch time on the third day appeared out of the blue.

Our Sports Diary.

LOCAL

GOLF.—To-day & To-morrow—R.H.K.C. Christmas Meeting. Christmas Day—K.G.C. Christmas Meeting. Sunday—K.G.C. Championship Final.

December 31—January 2—R.H.K.C. New Year's Meeting. FANTING HUNT.—To-day—Fanting Station, 3.15 p.m. Friday—Hunters' Arms, 3.15 p.m. December 31—Kenneis, 3.15 p.m.

FOOTBALL.—Christmas Day—Sunday Herald Cup—Scotland v. England (Charity Match). Boxing Day—Sunday Herald Cup—China v. Portugal (Charity Match).

SATURDAY.—First Division—Kowloon v. Club; Royal Artillery v. St. Joseph's; Recreation v. Navy; Second Division—Club v. Borderers; Chinese v. University; South China v. East; Royal Artillery v. Recreation; Third Division—Ewo v. R.A.O.C.; Borderers v. Royal Air Force; South China v. Royal Engineers; Chinese v. Fukien.

New Year's Day—League v. The Service (Charity Match). CRICKET.—Thursday—University v. Indian R.C. Friday—H.K.C.C. v. Army; Club de Recreation v. University.

Saturday—Division I—University v. Civil Service (F.); Hong Kong C.C. v. Army (F.); Division II—Civil Service v. University (L.); R.A.S.C. v. Police (F.); Indian R.C. v. Queen's College (F.).

RACING.—February 15—Fanting Hunt Club's Steeplechase Meeting. February 16—Fanting Hunt Club's Steeplechase Meeting.

January 18—Fanting Hunt Club's Steeplechase Meeting. RUGBY FOOTBALL.—Saturday—Fanting v. The Rest; H.K.C.C. Ground, 4.15 p.m.

FENCING.—Monday—Fencing Club Meeting, Yacht Club, 8.45 p.m. U.S.R.C. Tournament—Entries Closed, 6.30 p.m.

January 11—U.S.R.C. Tournament—First Rounds Close. January 19—U.S.R.C. Tournament—Second Rounds Close. BOXING.—January 8—Tournament City Hall, 9 p.m.

ATHLETICS.—Monday—Yamat School Sports. March 15 and 16—Hong Kong v. Canton Universities.

question. Harsh things were said and written of Oxford on this occasion, and there was justification for the strong criticism.

New Regime. Therefore it is gratifying to learn that an eminently level-headed cricketer, who in addition is one of the most promising batsmen of the young generation in England, has been chosen to captain Oxford in what may well prove a memorable season.

Moore had a great record at Shrewsbury, where he, in his last season, had an average for the term of more than a hundred, and for the University and for Gloucestershire last summer he showed himself a player of great patience and ideal temperament.

Melville's Fielding. Melville, by virtue of his fielding, was, with Moore, one of the few men on his side to emerge from the University match with distinction, and his appointment will give scarcely less satisfaction than that of the captain.

Few cricketers have had the experience of D. N. Moore, who

EXCHANGES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

On London—Bank wire 1/1 3/4
Bank on demand 1/1 3/4
Bank 4 months' sight 1/1 3/4
Credits, 4 months' sight 1/2 1/16
Documentary, 4 months' sight 1/2 3/16
On Paris—On demand 690
Credits, 4 months' sight 780
On New York—On demand 27 1/16
Credits, 60 days' sight 28 3/16
On Bombay—Wire 75 1/2
On demand 75 1/2
On Calcutta—Wire 75 1/2
On demand 75 1/2
On Singapore—On demand 48 1/2
On Manila—On demand 54 1/2
On Shanghai—On demand Tls. 77
Dollar 5 1/2 dis.
On Yokohama—On demand 54 1/2
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate) 1/1 15/16
Silver (per oz.) 14 13/16
Bar Silver in Hong Kong 4% prem. nom.
Copper Cash 3% prem.
Copper Cents 3% prem.
Rate of Native Interest 3 1/2% p.a.
Chinese Sub. Coin 23 1/4% dis.
Hong Kong Sub. Coin Par.

LONDON EXCHANGES

Rugby, Yesterday.
Paris 123.59 1/2
New York 4.855 1/2
Brussels 34.75
Geneva 25
Amsterdam 12.05 1/2
Milan 92.72 1/2
Berlin 20.37 1/2
Stockholm 18.10
Copenhagen 18.16
Oslo 18.15 1/2
Vienna 34.47 1/2
Prague 163 1/2
Helsingfors 193
Madrid 45.60
Lisbon 108.25
Athens 375
Bucharest 818
Rio 4.11/16
Buenos Aires 38 1/2
Montevideo 38 1/2
Bombay 1/5 1/4
Shanghai 1/5 1/4
Hong Kong 1/1 1/4
Yokohama 2/0 9/16
Silver Spot 14 13/16
Silver Forward 14 1/2
—British Wireless Service.

forced his way into the Varsity side by scoring a double century against them, when playing for Gloucestershire.

When E. H. Lyon arrived at Oxford the night before the match he discovered that the Oxford captain had not selected Moore for the Varsity team, and promptly asked the young Shrewsbury boy to play for the county. What is more, he paid Moore the honour of opening the batting. Moore scored 206, an effort which largely contributed to the defeat of Oxford and which gave him a permanent place in the Varsity side.

ROLLER SKATING RECORD.

Endurance Test to Be Attacked.

Half an hour after midnight George Celso, a young Stevenson man, set out on an attempt to break the world's roller skating endurance record, which stands at 51 hours.

Celso is of British birth. A slim-built, athletic young man, in his 22nd year, he has been in training for some time, and will make a brave attempt to keep going for fully two days.

He will be provided with nourishment and refreshment during his performance. It is expected that two J.P.s will be present throughout to testify that he keeps on the move all the time.

HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE

Opening Daily Official Quotations 23rd Dec., 1930.

STOCK	Buyers	Sellers	Sales	Mon.	Min.	Last dividend and when paid
Banks.						
Hong Kong Bank	170 1/2	170 1/2	170 1/2	Dec.	170 1/2	Interim 25 cts 1930 ex. 1/25—64.65 Aug. 11, 30
Chartered Bank	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	Dec.	17 1/2	Interim 1/4-free 1/15X 1930 Sep. — 30
Mercantile Bk., A.B.F.	27	27	27	Dec.	27	Interim 1/4-free 1/15X 1930 Sep. — 30
Bank of Asia	115	115	115	Dec.	115	95 for 1930 Feb. 28, 30
Insurance.						
Canton Ins.	1380	1380	1380	Dec.	1380	Final 50 cts for 1930—64.5 May 16, 30
Union Ins.	295	295	295	Dec.	295	Interim 1/4-free 1/15X 1930—64 May 30, 30
*China Underwriters	3.15	3.15	3.15	Dec.	3.15	Interim 1/4-free 1/15X 1930—64 May 30, 30
China Fire Ins.	400	400	400	Dec.	400	Final 50 cts for 1930—64.5 May 30, 30
H. K. Fire Ins.	1315	1315	1315	Dec.	1315	Final 50 cts for 1930—64.5 May 30, 30
Shipping.						
Douglases	98 1/2	98 1/2	98 1/2	Dec.	98 1/2	Last dividend for 1930—64.5 Mar. 4, 30
H. K. Steamships	30 1/2	30 1/2	30 1/2	Dec.	30 1/2	Final 50 cts for 1930—64.5 June 19, 30
Indo-China (Pref.)	40	40	40	Dec.	40	Last dividend for 1930—64.5 June 19, 30
(Del.)	24	24	24	Dec.	24	Interim 1/4-Coupon No. 57 free 1/15X 1930—64 Pending Mar. 19, 30
Shell Transport	19 1/2	19 1/2	19 1/2	Dec.	19 1/2	Interim 1/4-Coupon No. 57 free 1/15X 1930—64 Pending Mar. 19, 30
Union Waterboats	39	39	39	Dec.	39	Interim 1/4-Coupon No. 57 free 1/15X 1930—64 Pending Mar. 19, 30
Mining.						
Degeets	11.10	11.10	11.10	Dec.	11.10	Interim 15 cents for 1930—64.5 Sept. 30, 30
Kailan Mining Ad.	35 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2	Dec.	35 1/2	Final 50 cts for 1930—64.5 Dec. 30, 30
Langkat	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2	Dec.	8 1/2	Final 50 cts for 1930—64.5 May 3, 30
Shai Exploration	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	Dec.	1 1/2	Interim 1/4-Coupon No. 57 free 1/15X 1930—64 July 1, 30
Loans	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	Dec.	1 1/2	Interim 1/4-Coupon No. 57 free 1/15X 1930—64 July 1, 30
*Rams	33	33	33	Dec.	33	Interim 1/4-Coupon No. 57 free 1/15X 1930—64 July 1, 30
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.						
H. K. & W. Wharves	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	Dec.	17 1/2	Final 50 cts for 1930—64.5 Mar. 19, 30
H. K. & W. Docks	30	30	30	Dec.	30	Last dividend for 1930—64.5 Mar. 19, 30
South Ch. Motors	10	10	10	Dec.	10	Last dividend for 1930—64.5 Mar. 19, 30
*China Provident (old)	5.80	5.80	5.80	Dec.	5.80	Interim 1/4-Coupon No. 57 free 1/15X 1930—64 Sep. 19, 30
(new)	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2	Dec.	9 1/2	Interim 1/4-Coupon No. 57 free 1/15X 1930—64 Sep. 19, 30
Hongkong	234	234	234	Dec.	234	Interim 1/4-Coupon No. 57 free 1/15X 1930—64 Sep. 19, 30
N. Engineering	7.10	7.10	7.10	Dec.	7.10	Interim 1/4-Coupon No. 57 free 1/15X 1930—64 Sep. 19, 30
Shanghai Docks	114	114	114	Dec.	114	Interim 1/4-Coupon No. 57 free 1/15X 1930—64 Sep. 19, 30
Lands, Hotels & Buildings.						
*H. K. & S. Hotels	13.90	13.90	13.90	Dec.	13.90	Final 50 cts for 1930—64.5 Apr. 7, 30
H.K. Lands (old)	84	84	84	Dec.	84	Interim 1/4-Coupon No. 57 free 1/15X 1930—64 Aug. 8, 30
(new)	84 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2	Dec.	84 1/2	Interim 1/4-Coupon No. 57 free 1/15X 1930—64 Aug. 8, 30
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A Retired Taipan on the Old Days.

A former Taipan in China, who is now 80 years of age and is living in retirement at Home, in a letter to a Northern resident, says:

"I lately received the reminiscences of my old acquaintance James Stewart, and have read them with considerable interest. I think it most unlikely there are now living many men to whom so many of the details given were originally familiar and yet I only arrived in China ten years later than J. S. Some of the things he mentioned were even then looked upon as travellers' tales, listened to by the newcomers, like myself, with much interest, as the experiences of a kind never likely to be met with by our generation. He might have given interesting yarns of his early trips to the northward, I fancy. I think he made one of a party, almost annually, who went shooting.

"There were no railways in those days, or motor-cars to get one out into the wilds quickly and comfortably; but I doubt if present day facilities gave as much enjoyment of such excursions as we who were fortunate enough to get away for a week or two, or more frequently, a day or two, got out of our experiences. Unfortunately my own most interesting trips were made by myself alone and were consequently less pleasant. Companion-ship means a good deal on such occasions. For instance, from Hankow to Chungking and from there to Chengtu, Kiatingfu, Tzeliuching and Luchow. Also

AFTERMATH OF R101 DISASTER.

Statement of Airship Policy Soon.

London, Oct. 17.
After the R101 disaster has come the work of reorganisation, about which there has been the usual crop of rumours.

The appointment of Lord Amulree to succeed Lord Thomson has caused some surprise, but Mr. MacDonald was apparently guided by political considerations. The promotion of a Minister sitting in the House of Commons as Secretary for Air would have involved a new peerage and a by-election, as already six Secretaries of State (the legal maximum) are Members of the House of Commons.

Inquiries show that there is no truth in the report that R100 will be flown to India.

This airship is driven by petrol engines and not by heavy-oil burning engines, which were fitted to the R101 specially for tropical flying.

The R100 is now inside its shed at Cardington, undergoing minor repairs after the Atlantic flight.

There was a talk of enlarging the envelope, but no new work has been started.

It is expected that the airship policy will be announced after the finding of the Commission of Inquiry into the loss of the R101.

Peking overland to Chinkiang in the winter via Chifu-fushan, etc. And one more along the coast between Ningpo and Wenchow. That, though, was in the company of a good chum and through lovely country."

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A WEEK'S PAPERS IN ONE.

Discontent amongst prisoners in Victoria Jail culminated in a general strike during the week, the convicts refusing duty, and having eventually to be confined to their quarters. An official statement attributes the affair to a large extent to "outside influence," but claims that the situation is well in hand. The treatment and feeding of prisoners was the subject of some pointed questions at a meeting of the Finance Committee. The OVERLAND CHINA MAIL gives all details of the incident.

The question of whether or not statements made to the Police are entirely voluntary came up again in the trial of a 16-year old village boy for the murder of a fellow-cook. The Chief Justice, after hearing the Crown's evidence, was of opinion that the prisoner had in some manner been influenced, and would not allow the statements to be put in as evidence. The full report of the case, which ended in the boy's acquittal, appears in the OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

After a long-drawn-out hearing a Police interpreter was sentenced to two months' imprisonment at the Magistracy for accepting bribes from a hawker. Another protracted case came to an end at the Assizes, where the late manager of a Chinese firm entered a successful plea of autrefois acquit when charged with uttering a forged document. The OVERLAND CHINA MAIL contains a full report of both cases.

Supplementary votes aggregating over \$500,000 were passed at a meeting of the Finance Committee, not without some discussion, particularly arising out of the date of construction of the new prison. The meeting is reported in the OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

Harbingers of the Christmas season were various school parties and prize distributions during the week. Details are included in the OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

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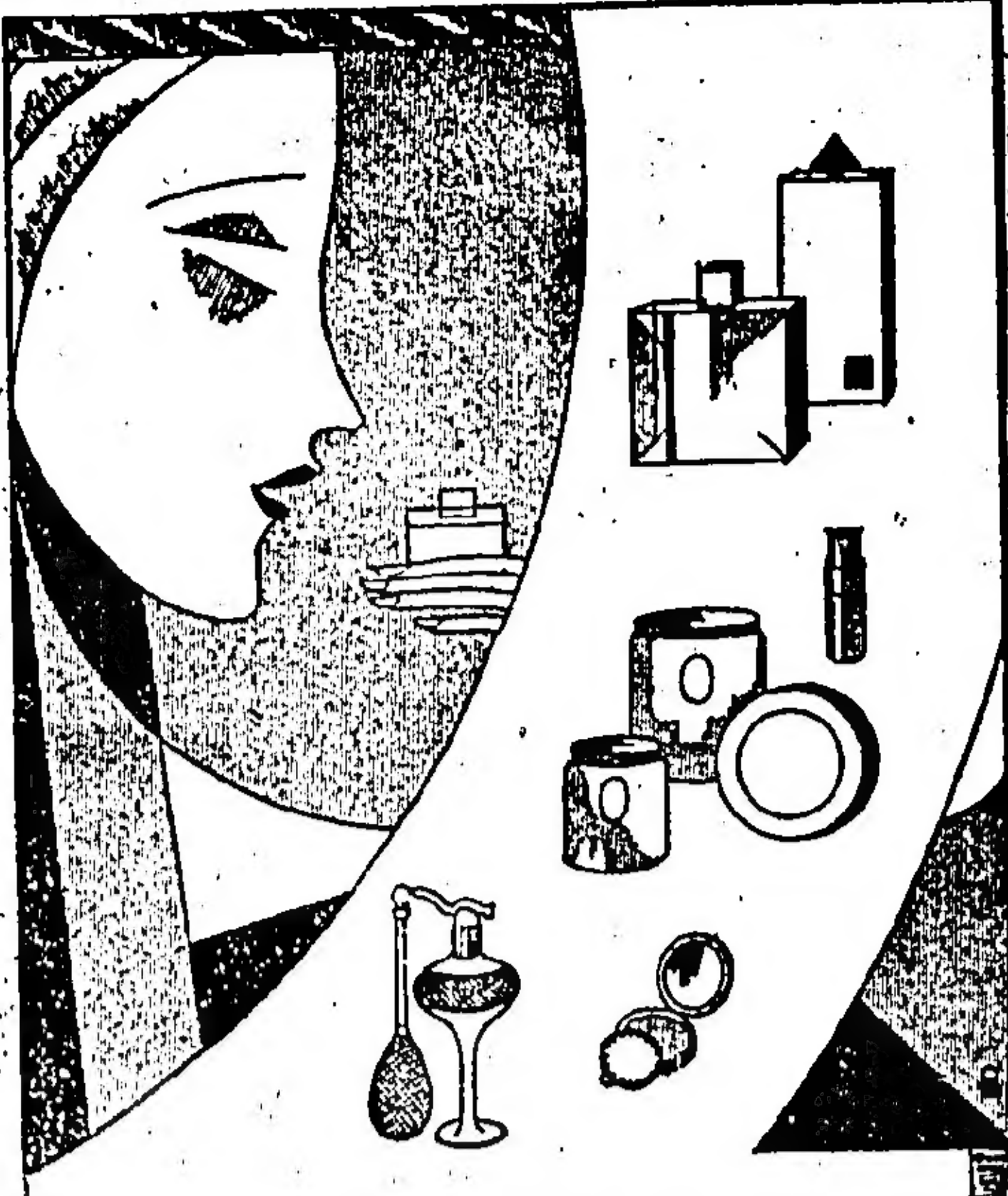
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Edward Sedgwick, who directed Keaton in "Spite Marriage" and "Free and Easy," supervised the new comedy and also played the role of the camp cook, staging with Keaton and Cliff Edwards a comical song parody number. Sedgwick further contributed to the production by composing one of its big song numbers, a march called "Mister Military Man."

A second number used in the production is "Sing," written by Joseph Meyer and Howard Johnson.

The story was written by Al Boasberg and Sidney Lazarus with dialogue by Boasberg and Richard Schayer, the latter two noted for their work on former Keaton pictures.

The cast includes Sally Eilers, of "Dry Martini," "Cradle Snatchers," and more recently "Let Us Be Gay"; Cliff Edwards, last seen in "Way Out West" and "Good News"; Edward Brophy, who combines the duties of acting with those of production manager; Victor Potel, Arnold Korff, Frank Mayo, Pitz Katz and William Steele.

The comedy high lights are contrasted with authentic battle scenes and spectacular shelling sequences. Amusing "gags" include Keaton's crossing of "No Man's Land," riotous adventures in the German trenches, his Apache dance in the dugout entertainment, and incidents which take place in the training camp and on the transport. The love story of the rookie and heroine provides additional merriment and Miss Eilers is given an opportunity to prove her prowess as a dancer in the camp theatre scenes.

Genuine army equipment was used and United States Army officers aided Keaton in securing realistic warfare manoeuvres. The battle scenes were filmed in a military camp established on a location with acres of trenches and dugouts.

Most of the persons connected with the production are ex-Servicemen. Keaton served in the trenches as a "doughboy" throughout the War; Sedgwick was an Army officer, as was William Steele, Brophy, Potel and Mayo.

"CAPTAIN OF THE GUARD"

"Captain of the Guard," the biggest all-sound production so far attempted in the motion picture industry, which opens on Friday in the Central Theatre, is a dramatic musical spectacle of the French Revolution, starring John Boles, singing star of "The Desert Song," "Son of the West," "Rio Rita," and Laura La Plante.

It brings Charles Wakefield Cadman, America's foremost composer, to the singing screen for the first time with specially written songs which will become immensely popular because of their haunting melodies.

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It is "La Marseillaise," also, which carries forward the tremendous drama of the revolution itself, pictured in the film by huge battle scenes between the revolutionary mobs and the King's trained guards, in which as many as 7,000 players, all in peasant costumes or brilliant picturesque uniforms, were used at one time.

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Interspersed throughout the picture are gorgeous spectacle scenes in music of the old peasant folk dances by torchlight, of the quaint customs and dress of the rustics, and beautiful, romantic love scenes between Boles and Miss La Plante. His magnificent voice is heard to its greatest possible advantage in the varying moods of the picture; in the tender love songs of Cadman's and singing "La Marseillaise" itself as he composes it.

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Miss Grosjean's salary is comparatively modest—\$1,200 a year. She has had an adventurous career. She was married at the age of 15 to Mr. James Terrill, from whom she was divorced three years ago. At the age of 18 she became secretary to Mr. H. P. Long, now Governor of Louisiana, but then practising as a lawyer at Shreveport.

She was his trusty helper through several political campaigns, particularly when a strong attempt was made to oust Mr. Long from the Governorship last year.

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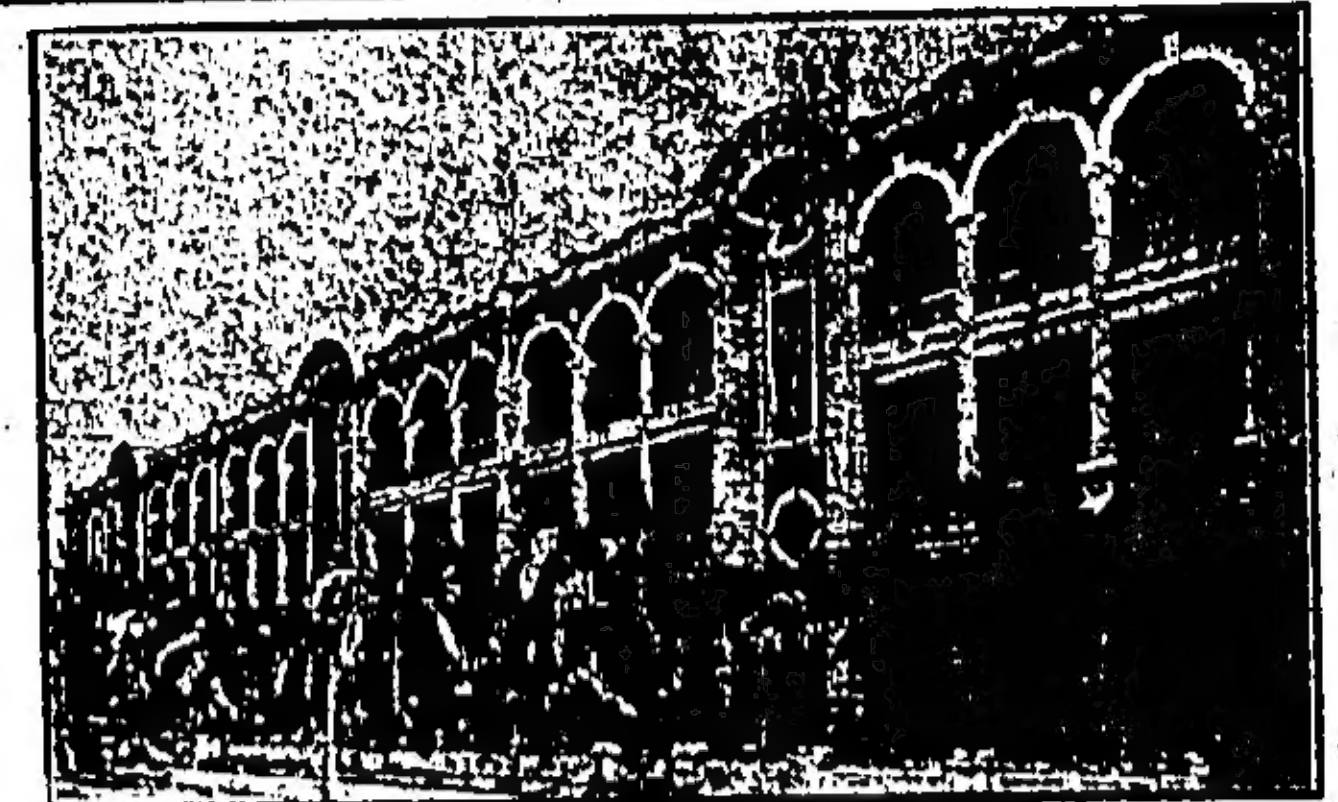
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To-day at 2.30, 5.10, 7.15 & 9.20 p.m.

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The World's Greatest Entertainer
Singing! Dancing! Enticing!

NEXT CHANGE
LA PLANTE and BOLES

CHRISTMAS WAITS.

SUCCESSFUL TOUR BY ST.
ANDREW'S CAROLERS.

OTHER ARRANGEMENTS.

A successful tour of the parish was made by St. Andrew's Church carolers last night, under the direction of Mr. J. W. Baldwin. The sum of \$106.18 was collected in aid of the War Blinded Men of St. Dunstan's Homes. During the tour, stops were made at the Claremont Hotel, Kowloon Cricket Club, Kowloon Bowling Green Club, King's Park Building, Armend Building, Torres Building, the R.A. Officers' Mess, Cameron Road, and Kingsclere Hotel.

To-night the carol singing will be continued, starting from the Church Hall at 8 o'clock sharp.

IN THE CINEMAS.

The festive season attractions in the Queen's Theatre and Majestic Theatre should prove a general satisfaction with film patrons, who will be pleased to learn that the long-awaited film "Interference" will be screened in the Majestic Theatre from December 27 to New Year's Eve.

The programme of the Queen's Theatre is as follows:—

Christmas Eve to December 27 — "Dough Boys" starring Buster Keaton, the sad faced comedian, Cliff Edwards (Ukelele Ike) and Sally Eilers. A hilarious comedy of the war. (Talkie).

December 28-30 — "The Girl Said No," featuring William Haines, Lella Hyams, Marie Dressler and Polly Moran. An amusing picture, adapted from a story by A. P. Younger. (Talkie).

December 31-January 3 — "In Gay Madrid" starring Ramon Novarro, Dorothy Jordan and Lottie Howell. A sparkling romance, from the story, "La Casa de la Troza." (Talkie).

The programme in the Majestic Theatre will be as follows:—

To-day to December 26 — "College Love," with George Lewis, Dorothy Gulliver, and Hayden Stevenson. A snappy, up-to-the-minute dialogue picture, with tunes by the University of Southern California Glee Club. (Talkie).

December 27-December 31 — "Interference" with Clive Brook, Evelyn Brent, William Powell and Doris Kenyon. An entertaining production, with a good theme. (Talkie).

January 1-3 — "The Carnation Kid" starring Douglas MacLean.

ATTEMPT TO SHOOT

GOVERNOR.

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been made in connection with the outrage.—British Wireless Service.

Earlier News.

Rugby, Yesterday. There were brilliant scenes at the Government reception in the Imperial Institute last night, in honour of the delegates to the Round Table Conference.

The Secretary of State for India and Mrs. Wedgwood Benn received the guests, who included, in addition to the delegates, many distinguished figures in British public life.—British Wireless Service.

Lahore, Yesterday. Sir Geoffrey De Montmorency, the Governor of the Punjab, was fired on to-day but was only slightly injured.

Altogether six shots were fired at the Governor, in the University Hall, while he was attending a convocation. He was slightly wounded above the left hip and left arm.

The policemen were wounded, and two students were subsequently arrested.

New Delhi, Yesterday.

An official statement says four shots were fired at close quarters at the Punjab Governor as he was leaving the Senate Hall of Lahore University, causing a flesh wound in the left arm and a grazing wound in the back.

The Governor was taken to hospital and his wounds were dressed, and he then walked out smoking a cigarette. He was thereafter driven to Government House.

Two policemen were wounded, not seriously, and a lady doctor was also wounded.—Reuter.

A film full of fun, excitement and drama.—(Talkie).

HOTEL CARNIVALS.

The Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., announce the following arrangements for the Christmas festivities:—

Reprise Bay Hotel, to-night Christmas Eve Carnival, 8.30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Dinner \$6 per person.

Hong Kong Hotel, December 26, Boxing Night Carnival, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Dinner \$6 per person.

Motor coaches from Reprise Bay Hotel, to Hong Kong Hotel at 1.15 a.m., after Christmas Eve Carnival.

Fancy or evening dress for both above celebrations.

VALUATION CLAIM.

JUDGMENT AGAINST KNITTING
FACTORY.

CUSTOMARY METHOD.

In the Summary Court this morning, before Mr. Justice Jacks, judgment for plaintiffs, with costs, was given in an action brought by Messrs. Carmichael and Clarke, of 3, Queen's Buildings, against the Mee Wah Knitting Company, of Tam Kung Road, Kowloon. The sum claimed \$550, was cost of services in preparing an inventory and valuation report of the company's property and machinery in a factory at Causeway Bay.

Mr. C. E. L. Grist, of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist, appeared for plaintiffs, whilst defendants did not appear.

Mr. T. G. H. Brayfield, of complainant firm, gave evidence as to being instructed to prepare a report in December, 1928. He said that he had called on several occasions in person for payment, besides writing letters. No portion of the amount had been tendered.

Replying to His Lordship, witness contended that the total value of the plant amounted to \$248,325. His fee was arrived at by arrangement, which was customary in such cases. There was no actual scale of valuation in this kind of business. He considered the fee a reasonable one.

His Lordship agreed, and gave judgment as stated.

BRITISH MOTORS.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR BUENOS
AIRES.

Rugby, Yesterday. The British motor industry has made arrangements at the British Empire Trade Exhibition in Buenos Aires next March that thirty-one British firms will have stands of motor exhibits.

The late Sir Henry Segrave's "Golden Arrow" will occupy the central position, while his boat "Miss England Second," which holds the world's record, will be piloted over a ten mile course in an attempt to raise the record still higher. Kaye Don is to pilot the motor-boat.—British Wireless Service.

JAIL STRIKE.

We understand this morning that the situation at Victoria Jail in connection with the strike among 300 prisoners has cleared up a little, and that about 50 prisoners returned to work yesterday.

AMUSEMENTS

AT THE

QUEEN'S

TO-DAY TO
SATURDAY

AT 2.30, 5.10, 7.15 & 9.20.

Shell-Shocked by a Kiss!



He won the war single-handed, but he was shell-shocked by a kiss!

Keaton, the laugh Buster, is funnier even than in "Free and Easy"

BUSTER KEATON

in the Howitzer of Howls

Dough Boys

A Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer ALL TALKING PICTURE

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Cliff Edwards

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NEXT CHANGE

William HAINES

in
THE GIRL SAID NO



HERE'S a comedy with a wallop in every foot! Haines is just a whirlwind of breezy humor. He crashes a party, falls for a girl, meets one set-back after another, and even when she's on the way to marry another chap, won't take "No" for an answer. You'll roar!

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